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UNION, S. C., October 13, 1914.

The Synod of South Carolina met in the Union First Church at 8:00 p. m., according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Geo. A. Blackburn, D. D., from Ephesians 1:18: "That ye may know what is the hope of his calling and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints."

The following members were

#### PRESENT:

##### BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—W. B. Arrowood (2), R. R. Brown, S. C. Byrd, J. T. Dendy, T. W. DeVane, D. M. Douglas, F. A. Drennan, E. E. Gillespie, A. D. P. Gilmour, F. W. Gregg (3), W. A. Hafner, W. S. Hamiter, Alexander Martin, H. R. Murchison, A. A. McLean (2), J. A. McMurray, W. M. McPheeters, W. W. Ratchford, James Russell, J. B. Swann, R. K. Timmons (3)—21.

*Elders*—W. E. Sanders, Bethesda Church; W. C. Thomson, Bullock's Creek; Alexander McDonald, Concord; W. B. Dixon, Sr., Hebron; R. T. Beaty, Lancaster; J. H. Miller, Oakland Avenue; R. M. Lindsay, Olivet; W. Banks Boyd, Pleasant Grove; M. S. Lewis, Purity; M. H. Sandifer, Rock Hill First; J. L. Strange, Salem; R. C. Ratchford, Tirzah; J. N. Russell, Woodlawn; G. H. O'Leary, Yorkville—14.

##### CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—S. C. Caldwell, J. E. Coker, W. S. Epperson, C. D. Holland, J. L. McLees, Alexander Sprunt, B. R. Thornbury—7.

*Elders*—E. F. Miscally, Charleston Second—I.

##### CONGAREE PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—E. C. Bailey, G. A. Blackburn, A. W. Blackwood (2), P. P. Blalock, P. C. DuBose, R. B. Grinnan, J. M. Holladay, T. D. Johnston, G. G. Mayes, W. R. Pritchett, J. O. Reavis (2), J. C. Rowan, F. D. Vaughan, S. H. Wilds (2)—14.

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*Elders*—S. G. Wilson, Arsenal Hill; W. H. Townsend, Columbia First; J. B. Frazier, Salem; J. W. Stork, Woodrow Memorial—4.

## ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—W. S. Bean (2), E. P. Davis, G. O. Griffin (2); A. H. Griffith, H. A. Knox, T. H. Law, J. F. Matheson, R. G. Matheson, W. S. Porter (2), W. J. Roach, J. A. Smith (2), A. D. Watkins—12.

*Elders*—W. E. Ratchford, Carlisle; J. W. Cunningham (2), Fair-forest; J. B. Wasson, Fairview; A. S. Peden (2), Fountain Inn; H. S. Simpson, Glenn Springs; G. W. Taylor (2), Greenville First; J. V. Askew (2), Mt. Tabor; A. B. Carter, Mt. Vernon; G. A. Black (2), Pacolet; D. B. Anderson (2), Reidville; H. E. Ravenel (2), Spartanburg First—11.

## HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—D. M. Clark, H. C. Hammond, John R. Hay, L. L. Legters, P. S. McChesney, W. J. McKay (2), W. I. Sinnott—7.

*Elders*—Hugh Witherspoon, Concord; G. H. McCutchen, Mt. Zion; H. J. McLaurin, Sumter; E. E. Aycock, Wedgefield—4.

## PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—J. P. Anderson, R. T. Gillespie, T. F. Haney, J. A. Wilson—4.

*Elders*—T. G. Matheson (2), Cheraw; D. J. Douglas, Chesterfield; John McSween, Timmonsville—3.

## PIEDMONT PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—J. C. Bailey, D. W. Dodge, W. H. Frazer, D. P. Junkin, J. G. Law, W. H. Mills, J. E. Wallace (2), G. M. Wilcox (2)—8.

*Elders*—J. M. Giles, Anderson First; J. W. Thomson, Anderson Central; J. W. Shelor (2), Richland—3.

## SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—J. B. Branch (2), T. C. Croker, W. H. Hamilton, J. B. Hillhouse, F. D. Jones, Jas. L. Martin, H. W. Pratt, W. D. Ratchford, R. E. Telford—9.

*Elders*—A. B. Morse, Abbeville; A. E. Spencer, Clinton First; J. T. Peden (2), Dorroh; A. L. Blake, Greenwood; J. A. Munday, Hodges; J. H. Miller, Liberty Springs; J. A. Jones, Mountville; J. W. DuPree (2), Owings; S. J. Kilgore (2), Thornwell Memorial; A. T. McIlwaine, Upper Long Cane—10.

Prof. A. E. Spencer, a ruling elder of the First Church of Clinton, was elected Moderator, and Rev. H. C. Hammond, of Harmony Presbytery, Assistant Clerk.

The Synod adopted the following hours of its daily sessions:

9:30 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

3:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

8:00 p. m. to adjourn at will.

The Stated Clerk announced that four ministers of the Synod had departed this life since the last meeting, and the Moderator had appointed committees as follows to prepare memorials of them to be presented, according to the rule of Synod, at the close of tomorrow morning's session:

James W. Query, by W. S. Bean, D. D.

B. Palmer Reid, by E. P. Davis, D. D.

John G. Richards, by W. J. McKay, D. D.

Wm. Howell Taylor, by Alexander Sprunt, D. D.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, of the Synod of North Carolina, and Rev. A. W. Blackwood, of the United Presbyterian Church, were welcomed as corresponding members.

The Synod then adjourned until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow, with prayer by Dr. Sprunt.

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## Second Day

Wednesday, October 14, 9:30 a. m.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. F. D. Jones.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The following additional members appeared and were enrolled:

*Ministers*—W. B. Arrowood, A. A. McLean, J. O. Reavis, S. H. Wilds, G. O. Griffin, W. S. Porter, J. Andrew Smith, W. J. McKay, J. E. Wallace, G. M. Wilcox, W. S. Bean, J. B. Branch.

*Elders*—Enoree Presbytery—J. W. Cunningham, Fairforest Church; A. S. Peden, Fountain Inn; G. W. Taylor, Greenville First; J. V. Askew, Mt. Tabor; G. A. Black, Pacolet; D. B. Anderson, Reidville; H. E. Ravenel, Spartanburg First.

Pee Dee Presbytery—T. G. Matheson, Cheraw.

Piedmont Presbytery—J. W. Shelor, Richland.

South Carolina Presbytery—J. T. Peden, Dorroh; J. W. DuPree, Owings; S. J. Kilgore, Thornwell Memorial.

It was also officially reported that the Rev. A. W. Blackwood had this morning been received into Congaree Presbytery, and his name was enrolled.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—

Ministers—G. A. Blackburn, J. M. Holladay, J. P. Anderson.  
Elders—W. B. Dixon, Sr., H. J. McLaurin.

2. *Judicial Business*—

Ministers—R. E. Telford, J. L. McLees, W. S. Hamiter.  
Elders—John McSween, A. L. Blake.

3. *Home Missions*—

Ministers—E. P. Davis, A. H. Griffith, P. S. McChesney.  
Elders—H. S. Simpson, E. E. Aycock.

4. *Narrative*—

Ministers—B. R. Thornbury, J. C. Bailey, Jr., T. D. Johnston.  
Elders—J. B. Frazier, Sr., G. H. McCutchen.

5. *Theological Seminary*—

Ministers—A. D. P. Gilmour, D. M. Clark, D. P. Junkin.  
Elders—R. T. Beaty, E. F. Miscally.

6. *Finance*—

Elders—W. H. Townsend, J. M. Giles, A. B. Morse.

7. *Minutes of Assembly*—

Ministers—R. T. Gillespie, Alexander Martin, R. G. Matheson.  
Elders—S. G. Wilson, J. W. Thomson.

8. *Leave of Absence*—

Ministers—J. B. Swann, A. D. Watkins, L. L. Legters.  
Elders—Hugh Witherspoon, Alex. McDonald.

9. *Presbyterial Records*—

Bethel—E. C. Bailey, A. T. McIlwaine.  
Charleston—H. A. Knox, J. A. Jones.  
Congaree—D. W. Dodge, J. A. Munday.  
Enoree—H. R. Murchison, M. S. Lewis.  
Harmony—R. B. Grinnan, W. E. Sanders.  
Pee Dee—F. A. Drennan, W. E. Ratchford.  
Piedmont—H. W. Pratt, M. H. Sandifer.  
South Carolina—W. I. Sinnott, J. W. Stork.

## COMMUNICATIONS

were received as follows:

(1) An invitation from the First Church, Charleston, to the Synod to participate in the proposed celebration next December of the centennial of its present house of worship by sending a representative of the Synod for that occasion. The invitation was accepted, and Dr. W. S. Currell, President of South Carolina University, was appointed as Synod's representative, to attend without expense to the Synod.

(2) An overture from the Session of Johnston Church, touching the part to be performed by girls in the public exercises of young people's societies.

(3) An overture from Rev. J. M. Holladay, touching the interpretation of paragraph 98, Book of Church Order.

(4) An overture from Rev. W. H. Mills, proposing an overture to the General Assembly asking a change in the parliamentary rules touching the calling of the question.

(5) An overture from Congaree Presbytery, asking the transfer of certain churches.

These were all referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The several Presbyteries presented their Narratives and Statistical Reports. The former went to the Committee on the Narrative, and the latter appear in the Appendix.

In view of the funeral services of Mrs. R. D. Morgan, to be held in this church tomorrow at 10:30 a. m., it was resolved that Synod take recess at 10:20 until these services are concluded, and the Synod extended our sympathy to the family in their sad bereavement.

## MONTREAT.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, President of the Mountain Retreat Association, was heard touching the work being conducted at Montreat, and especially with regard to the William Brearley Home, erected at that place through the generous donation of Mr. E. McIver Williamson for the benefit of the ministers of the Synod who may desire to use it. A financial statement concerning this building was also received and referred, to-

gether with the address of Mr. Anderson and other matters relating to Montreat, to a select committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. G. G. Mayes, Alexander Sprunt, H. R. Murchison, and Elders G. W. Taylor and H. E. Ravenel.

The report of the Executive Committee of Local Home Missions was presented and referred to the Standing Committee, after the Synod had adopted the order proposed for a conference on Evangelism at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon and a popular meeting in the interest of Local Home Missions tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock.

It was made the order for 12:00 m. tomorrow to hear the report of the Permanent Committee on Assembly's Home Missions and Secretary Homer McMillan, D. D., in connection therewith.

It was made the order for this evening to hold a popular meeting in the interests of Foreign Missions, when the report of the Permanent Committee shall be presented, and two of our missionaries from the foreign field—Rev. Messrs. P. C. DuBose and S. H. Wilds—shall speak. The Chairman of the Committee, Dr. J. O. Reavis, is to preside.

Rev. J. C. Carman, of the Baptist Church, was welcomed as a visiting brother.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was presented. Pending the reading of this report, the order of the day was taken up and a

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

was held, in which, after appropriate devotional exercises, the memorials prepared were read: Of Rev. B. P. Reid, by E. P. Davis, D. D.; of Rev. J. G. Richards, by W. J. McKay, D. D.; and of Wm. Howell Taylor, by Alexander Sprunt, D. D. These memorials were adopted by a rising vote, and will be found in the Appendix.

An overture placed on the docket last year, relating to adjourned meetings of Presbytery, was taken from the docket and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Synod had recess until 3:00 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:00 p. m.

The report on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was further heard.

REV. J. C. CARMAN

General Secretary of the South Carolina State Sunday School Convention, was heard touching Sunday School work. And on motion Synod expressed its appreciation of Mr. Carman's address, and recommended its members to call upon him individually for any service he may render them.

A CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

was then held, addresses being made by Rev. Messrs. J. Andrew Smith, J. C. Bailey, G. G. Mayes, P. P. Blalock, J. C. Carman, and A. H. Griffith.

The Synod had recess till 8:00 p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

8:00 p. m.

The Synod held a popular meeting in the interests of Foreign Missions, Rev. Dr. J. O. Reavis presiding. The report of the Permanent Committee was read and afterwards approved and its recommendations adopted. (Appendix.) Addresses were delivered by Rev. S. H. Wilds, of our Congo Mission, and Rev. P. C. DuBose, of our Mid-China Mission.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was presented and referred to the Standing Committee on the same, together with the record book and financial statement.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Synod then adjourned till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer, by Rev. W. H. Frazer, D. D.

### Third Day

Thursday, October 15, 9:30 a. m.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. W. Blackwood.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. J. B. Green and Rev. F. W. Gregg appeared and were enrolled.

It was officially announced that Rev. R. K. Timmons had been received into Bethel Presbytery, and he was enrolled.

Dr. W. S. Currell, the new President of South Carolina University, was introduced to Synod.

The Select Committee presented a report, which was adopted as follows, touching

#### MONTREAT:

The Committee to which was referred the address of Rev. R. C. Anderson, President of the Mountain Retreat Association, and the special interests of this Synod at Montreat through the munificence of Mr. E. McIver Williamson, of Darlington, S. C., would report:

1. That Synod has heard the Rev. R. C. Anderson's address with peculiar pleasure and genuine interest. It brings to us assurances which awaken in us the highest hopes and expectations of rich fruitage to our Church and its aggressive agencies and efforts, and we heartily commend him and the enterprise at Montreat to the confidence and co-operation of our people.

2. Synod desires anew to express to Mr. E. McIver Williamson our genuine appreciation of his very gracious concern for the ministers of this Synod in the rich provision he has made for their comfort and entertainment, while it offers to them the opportunity of receiving the benefits of the conferences and the salubrious climate of Montreat. And we hereby pledge ourselves to execute, as designed in the munificent gift to the Synod, the plans and conceptions of our benefactor.

3. To this end, we recommend that a Board of Trustees be appointed to procure the title to the property, and that to this Board be committed the interests and management of the William Brearley Home, the name by which Mr. Williamson desires it to be known.

4. We nominate for this Board Messrs. D. T. McKeithan, W. C. Whitner, J. Wells Todd, Geo. H. Cornelison, and Rev. G. G. Mayes; that Messrs. Todd and Cornelison serve for a term of one year, Messrs. McKeithan and Whitner for two years, and Rev. G. G. Mayes for three years; and that their successors be elected for a term of three years.

ALEXANDER SPRUNT, *Chairman.*

The Committees on the Records of Charleston, Congaree, Enoree, and Harmony Presbyteries reported, recommending their approval. Adopted. The Committee on the Records of Pee Dee Presbytery reported that the records had not come into its hands. The report on the records of South Carolina Presbytery was docketed.

With regard to recommendation 2 of the report on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, the consideration of which is pending, it was resolved to refer it to a select committee of three ministers and two elders to devise some way of making it effective. The Moderator appointed the following to serve on that committee: Ministers, W. B. Arrowood, R. B. Grinnan, and W. H. Frazer; elders, John McSween and A. L. Blake.

The Synod had recess during the funeral services in the church of Mrs. Richard P. Morgan.

Upon the resumption of business, the Standing Committee on Local Home Missions made a report. Pending its consideration, the Synod resolved to suspend the morning call and take up the order of the day.

Rev. Homer McMillan, D. D., of the Synod of Georgia, was welcomed as a corresponding member.

#### ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

was presented through the report of the Permanent Committee and an address by Secretary Homer McMillan. The report was adopted, and will be found in the Appendix.

The consideration of the report on Local Home Missions was resumed, and it was adopted as follows:

#### LOCAL HOME MISSIONS.

A study of the facts and figures of the report of the Executive Committee placed in our hands reveals many reasons for gratitude to God and encouragement to us. The success that has crowned the efforts of those who have managed the work and of those who have participated in it; the simplicity and effectiveness of the methods adopted; the vital relation our Home Mission work sustains to every other interest of Zion; the effort to carry the gospel to the needy that only can satisfactorily solve the problems that confront us; and the evidences of divine approval give fresh emphasis to this cause and strengthen the appeal to our Presbyteries, Sessions, ministers, ruling

elders, deacons, and members for more prayer, means, and men to prosecute the work with vigor and aggressiveness. Much has been done; but much more is yet to be done. Churches should be organized in promising urban and rural points; the hundreds of thousands of children and adults in the State not connected with any Sunday School should be gathered into schools to be taught and trained for good citizens and intelligent Christians; the colored people and foreigners should have the gospel carried to them; missions should be established in all the mill villages of the State that need the principles taught by the Presbyterian Church; and all our weak churches and missions should be strengthened. The untiring efforts of our evangelist; the thirty-six pastors who have conducted meetings in churches and mission points outside of their own fields; the granting of aid to the amount of \$4,478.50 to twenty-three pastorates; the maintenance of thirty-six preaching points and seventeen Sabbath Schools; the organization of a church; the proposal to raise a church and manse fund; the supply of vacant churches; the carrying on of so much work with only a small deficit; and the fidelity of the Superintendent and Chairman are worthy of special commendation. We record with gratitude the account of good work done at Georgetown and Clemson College.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Synod use the *Christian Messenger* as its medium for communication for all the latest facts each month with reference to our Home Mission work in all its branches.
2. That the Executive Committee raise a church and manse fund as rapidly as possible, to aid needy and promising fields in erecting houses of worship and manses.
3. That the sum of \$15,000 be asked for the prosecution of the work of the next twelve months, and that all our pastors remind their people of the vital importance of raising that amount and remitting it promptly to the Treasurer.
4. That Rev. E. E. Gillespie be elected Treasurer for the coming year; Rev. J. Andrew Smith, Evangelist, at a salary of \$1,800; and Rev. G. G. Mayes, Superintendent, at a salary of \$1,800.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD PAYSON DAVIS, *Chairman.*

The Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Treasurer of Local Home Missions, presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report, which was docketed, and Synod had recess till 3:00 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:00 p. m.

The Synod met.

The Committee presented and Synod adopted the following

## NARRATIVE:

Your Committee on the Narrative reports that it has examined in detail Narratives from all your Presbyteries, except the newly organized Presbytery of Congaree, and find the following conditions revealed:

1. Attendance reported satisfactory.
2. Family worship is generally neglected.
3. Observance of the Lord's Day is general, according to modern standards, which are not ideal.
4. Children are instructed in the Bible and Catechism in many homes, but general disposition shown to neglect this important duty.
5. The Sunday Schools of all Presbyteries reported faithful in training children.
6. Liberal contributions reported by all Presbyteries, with some improvement in giving.
7. With few exceptions, pastors' salaries have been promptly and fully paid.
8. Each Presbytery reports special manifestation of the Spirit's power in some of the churches.
9. Very little evangelistic work reported outside the bounds of the various churches. Some exceptions are noted in favor of mission Sabbath Schools.
10. Very little formal or systematic effort seems to have been made to secure recruits to the gospel ministry.
11. Most of the churches are supplied with preaching.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN RUSH THORNBURY, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was taken from the docket, amended and adopted as follows:

## BILLS AND OVERTURES.

(1) In answer to the overture from the Session of the Johnston Church, in respect to the part to be taken by girls in the conduct of young people's societies, the Synod refers the Session to the deliverances of our General Assembly upon this matter.

(2) In respect to the overtures of certain brethren, asking whether paragraph 98 of the Book of Church Order requires the Session of a church to approve by formal endorsement those elected by

the congregation to the offices of elder and deacon prior to their ordination, your Committee recommends that the Synod answer yes.

(3) That the following overture, as proposed by Rev. W. H. Mills, be forwarded to the General Assembly without recommendation, and that the Assembly be overruled to bring Rules 28 and 38 into harmony:

*Resolved*, That the Synod of South Carolina, sitting in Union, S. C., October 13th, 1914, does hereby overture the General Assembly, to sit in Newport News, Va., in May, 1915, to amend its "Rules of Parliamentary Order" by striking out Rule 28, "Of the Question," which reads, "When any member shall call for 'the question,' the Moderator shall, without debate, put the vote, 'Is the court ready for the question?' If the call be seconded by a majority of the members present, the vote shall immediately be taken on the pending question, whatever it may be, without further debate," and by inserting instead thereof, as Rule 28, the following, entitled "Of the Previous Question":

"When the previous question shall have been moved and seconded, the Moderator shall, without debate, put that motion in this form, viz: 'Shall the main question be now put?' If this question be demanded by a **TWO-THIRDS** vote of the members present and voting, the effect shall be to put an end to further debate and to bring the body to a direct vote: First, on the motion to commit the subject under consideration (if such a motion shall have been made); secondly, if the motion for commitment does not prevail, on pending amendments, in their proper order; and, lastly, on the main question."

(4) In answer to overtures from Harmony and Congaree Presbyteries, in reference to transfer of certain churches, your Committee recommends that Turkey Creek be transferred to Congaree Presbytery, and that Richland retain its present relation.

(5) In answer to the overture of Rev. G. G. Mayes and others, touching adjourned meetings of a Presbytery, the Synod would answer:

1. The Presbytery has the right to adjourn to another time and place, and every Presbytery "shall meet at least twice a year on its own adjournment."

2. The Presbytery has the right to have as many adjourned meetings as may be desired by the Presbytery.

3. Every meeting of a Presbytery must have a quorum present before it can proceed to any business.

4. Every adjourned meeting of a Presbytery has the right, when a quorum is present, to transact any business which is under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery.

5. The only notice of an adjourned meeting of a Presbytery required by the Book of Church Order is the motion agreeing to a time and place of meeting.

6. This Synod recognizes a growing evil in the practice of our Presbyteries, in that a great deal of business is transacted in adjourned meetings, when very few members are present, which should be limited to the two meetings required by our law to be held every year; and we very earnestly admonish the Presbyteries not to give occasion for complaint by the abuse of their power.

G. A. BLACKBURN, *Chairman.*

The Synod had recess till 8:00 p. m.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

8:00 p. m.

The Synod, according to the order of the day, held a conference on Local Home Missions. Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presided, and Rev. Messrs. J. B. Green and G. G. Mayes, Superintendent, made addresses.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. J. A. Wilson, was adopted:

That this Synod call to the attention of the directors and faculty of our Theological Seminary the *facts* touching the opportunities and obligation of the Church to preach the gospel to the thousands of foreign-speaking peoples coming yearly to our Southland, and assure them that anything they may be able to do in the way of furnishing such young men as may wish to give themselves to work among these destitute ones, that special training in the languages of these people as will fit them to answer properly their urgent call for help, would be heartily approved by this Synod.

The Committee on the Records of Bethel Presbytery made a report, which was adopted, as follows:

The minutes of Bethel Presbytery stand approved, except that the Presbytery should not have omitted the sermon and other parts of trial required for the ordination of Licentiate F. R. Riddle.

E. C. BAILEY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary presented a report, which was adopted, as follows:

This Committee has received the original Minutes of the Board of Directors of the Seminary at Columbia, together with a typewritten copy thereof which contains the report of the Directors to the Synod and a statement of the financial condition of the institution.

The Minutes of the Board are full and explicit, besides being

well and neatly kept. The affairs of the Seminary have evidently been handled with fidelity and efficiency by the President and the Faculty and the Board.

We recommend the approval of the report of the Board of Directors.

We note the election of the Rev. Jas. O. Reavis, D. D., to the Chair of English Bible, Pastoral Theology, and Sacred Rhetoric. We recommend the hearty approval and confirmation of this election.

The term of office as Director of the Seminary of Mr. John McSween, Timmonsville, S. C., now expires. Revs. B. P. Reid and J. G. Richards have passed away. We recommend that Mr. McSween be elected to succeed himself; that Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D., be elected to succeed Rev. B. P. Reid; and that Rev. Hugh R. Murchison be elected to succeed Rev. J. G. Richards.

We note with pleasure the indicated purpose of Mrs. J. T. Plunket to give the library of her husband to the Seminary, and we recommend that the Synod thank her heartily for her Christian liberality.

We also note with pleasure that Mrs. R. G. Pearson has indicated to the President that she has left the Seminary in her will \$10,000.00, to be used for the partial endowment of the English Bible Chair, and that it is her purpose to pay at least two per cent. upon this amount as long as she lives. We recommend that the Synod express its sincere appreciation of her Christian generosity.

We recommend that the Board be respectfully requested to provide each year for our Synod six typewritten copies of its Minutes for the use of its Clerk and its Standing Committee on Theological Seminary.

We pray God's ever increasing blessing upon our school of the prophets.

A. D. P. GILMOUR, *Chairman.*

The Select Committee on Recommendation 2 of the report on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief presented a report, pending the consideration of which the Synod adjourned till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Swann, in which special supplication for the cessation of the war in Europe was made according to the Synod's resolution.

## Fourth Day

Friday, October 16, 9:30 a. m.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. R. G. Matheson.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—unfinished business—was taken up and considered in connection with the report of the Select Committee on Recommendation 2 of the Permanent Committee's report. Pending its consideration, the Synod suspended other business to select the place and time of next meeting.

Oakland Avenue Church, Rock Hill, was unanimously selected as the place, and Tuesday, October 19, 8:00 p. m., as the time.

The Committee on the Records of Piedmont Presbytery reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The report on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was further considered. The report was adopted, except that Recommendations 5 and 6 were docketed for consideration at the next Synod, and the following Ad-Interim Committee was appointed to consider these recommendations and report to the next Synod: Rev. W. H. Mills, W. J. McKay, D. D., and G. A. Blackburn, D. D. (For the report, see Appendix.)

Rev. Dr. S. C. Byrd was nominated to the next General Assembly for appointment on the proposed Advisory Committee on Education.

The report of the Select Committee on Recommendation 2, which had been re-committed, was now adopted, as follows:

The Special Committee appointed to propose a way of making effective Recommendation 2 of the report on Christian Education, etc., would recommend:

(1) That the following be appointed a committee to look after this matter of collecting the funds proposed, viz: Revs. J. B. Green, R. T. Gillespie, and P. S. McChesney, and Messrs. M. S. Lewis and J. P. McNair. (Rev. J. B. Green to call the committee together.)

(2) That the amount of \$7,500.00 be apportioned to the churches upon the basis of the total contributions of each church as shown by the Minutes of the Assembly.

(3) That the contributions be given to Chicora College and the Presbyterian College of South Carolina in the proportion of 25 and 75 per cent., respectively; it being understood that any congregation or individual may designate any or all of their contributions to either institution.

W. B. ARROWOOD.

A. L. BLAKE.

JOHN MCSWEEN.

W. H. FRASER.

R. B. GRINNAN.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Women's Work was presented and adopted. (Appendix.)

The report of the Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work was ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes without reading.

The Select Committee on our interests in certain property in Chester County made a report, which was received as information, and the Committee was continued to complete the work. It was directed to turn over to the Treasurer of Local Home Missions any funds collected.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence was presented and approved. (Appendix.)

THE HISTORIAN OF THE SYNOD  
made a report, which was approved, as follows:

*To the Venerable the Synod of South Carolina, in Session at Union, S. C.:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—I respectfully present my report as Historiographer of the Synod. After a great deal of preliminary work, I began writing out the history from 1851, and have about brought it down to the close of 1900. There are a few small gaps to be filled, as I have not had any access to the Minutes of Pee Dee Presbytery yet, and there is a hiatus in the Minutes of Synod, from 1864 to 1869, inclusive.

I have had the Minutes of the other Presbyteries and of the Synod, and my work is based entirely on the official records, except that on the subject of "The Church and Slavery" I have drawn fully on old issues of the *Southern Presbyterian Review* for articles by various writers of our Church. I could not follow the plan of Dr. Howe, but have given a brief outline of the actions of each Presbytery and of the Synod—many official papers in full, and some condensed. I would respectfully suggest that you appoint a committee with whom I may consult and bring in a recommendation as to publishing. If

you wish me to bring the history down later so much time would not be required.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your appropriation for help in clerical work. I had to buy a new typewriter and keep the Historian alive through the summer. My health has been good, and I have worked steadily through the summer. I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
W.M. S. BEAN, SR.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to co-operate: Rev. Messrs. T. H. Law, W. H. Mills, and G. A. Blackburn.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was made and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly beg to report as follows:

The General Assembly sustained the complaint of Rev. J. M. Holladay against the Presbytery of Bethel, and expressed its judgment as follows:

"The Assembly, in voting to sustain this complaint, would be understood as expressing its judgment that in all cases of trial for ordination for the ministry, however soon they may follow the trial for licensure, the Presbytery should not omit the examination of the candidate, and should require an ordination sermon.

In answer to the recommendation of the Assembly that the name of the Local Committee of Home Missions be changed to Presbyterial Committee of Home Missions, we recommend that for the present no change be made in the name of our Committee.

R. T. GILLESPIE, *Chairman.*

Dr. J. O. Reavis resigned as Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, and Rev. Dr. Alexander Sprunt was appointed to take his place, and Elder W. H. Townsend to fill the place vacated by the decease of Hon. A. T. Smythe on the Committee.

The memorial of Rev. J. W. Query, deceased, was read and adopted. (Appendix.)

The Moderator was excused from further attendance on Synod.

#### FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that it has examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod, and also of the Treasurer of the Synod's Committee on Schools and Colleges and the Treasurer of the Synod's Committee on Home Missions, and find the books in balance and properly kept, with vouchers for the disbursements entered thereon.

We recommend the following assessments be made upon the Presbyteries for Synodical expenses:

Bethel .....	\$ 68.00
Charleston .....	19.00
Congaree .....	28.00
Enoree .....	52.00
Harmony .....	31.00
Pee Dee .....	32.00
Piedmont .....	30.00
South Carolina .....	41.00
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Total .....	\$300.00

Respectfully submitted,  
W. H. TOWNSEND, *Chairman.*

The records of South Carolina Presbytery were approved.

The reports of the Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause and of the Trustees of Thornwell Orphanage were received as information and ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Rev. Dr. Alexander Sprunt was appointed a Trustee of Thornwell Orphanage, to fill the place of the late A. T. Smythe. The Committee on the Thornwell Centennial Addresses made the following report:

#### THORNWELL ADDRESSES.

The Committee on the Thornwell Centennial Addresses would respectfully report that only one copy has been sold since the last Synod, and several hundred copies are still piled up in the residence of the Stated Clerk. We would suggest that the Synod devise some way of distributing them where they are likely to be useful, even if they have to be donated to the parties likely to be interested in them.

THOS. H. LAW, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of the Synod send two copies of the Centennial Addresses of the Thornwell Memorial to each public library of the State, including State and denominational institutions.

and the State Library, Charleston Library, and the remainder to be divided between the Theological Seminaries of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, except two copies to Davidson and Hampden-Sidney Colleges, the Congressional Library, and the Presbyterian Historical Society, etc.

The commissioners appointed by the last Synod to confer with the representatives of other Synods made a report, which was received as information and ordered printed in the Appendix.

Rev. J. B. Green was requested by Synod to submit to the Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions for publication the address he delivered last evening in the Home Mission Conference.

The following was adopted by a rising vote:

VOTE OF THANKS.

*Resolved*, That the grateful appreciation of the Synod is hereby tendered to the pastor and people of the First Church, Union, S. C., and to their friends for the very cordial hospitality we have enjoyed at their hands. Their kindness has been marked, and we have greatly enjoyed it.

Synod begs further the privilege of adding to this expression of cordial thanks to this good people assurances of our sympathies in the heavy sorrow which has fallen upon the congregation in our assembling together with them. We have been sadly conscious of the great loss this people has sustained in the sudden departure of one of their number who was so active and efficient in service and faithful in her testimony to the truth and her love for the Master, and we commend them and the bereaved husband and household to the tender sympathies of Him who assures us that His grace is sufficient for us, and that He loves them whom He afflicts.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was approved:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Your Committee on Leave of Absence would submit the following report:

(1) The following brethren were excused for tardiness: A. A. McLean, S. J. Kilgore, W. B. Arrowood, J. B. Branch, W. S. Bean, G. H. Oetzel, H. E. Ravenel, F. W. Gregg, W. S. Porter.

(2) Excused from further attendance on sessions of Synod: A. A. McLean, P. C. DuBose, J. L. Strange, W. H. Sandifer, G. H. O'Leary, W. H. Frazer, J. M. Giles, A. W. Blackwood, W. B. Boyd, J. B. Frazier,

T. D. Johnston, D. M. Clark, George M. Wilcox, E. E. Aycock, T. C. Croker, W. D. Clark, J. E. Wallace, D. W. Dodge, R. E. Telford, W. S. Hamiter, A. T. McIlwaine, E. C. Bailey, F. D. Jones, H. E. Ravenel, G. H. McCutchen.

(3) Excused for non-attendance: W. P. Jacobs, W. H. Workman, J. A. McQueen, J. M. McLain, S. L. Wilson, F. Ray Riddle, H. A. White.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SWANN, *Chairman.*

The Judicial Committee reported that nothing had come into its hands.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to purchase for the Synod a copy of Alexander's Digest and have it on hand at every meeting of Synod.

The Synod extended its tender sympathies to Rev. E. D. Kerr, of Newberry, in the sad loss of his young wife.

The minutes of today were read and approved.

Synod then adjourned, with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction, to meet in the Oakland Avenue Church, Rock Hill, Tuesday, October 19, 1915, 8:00 p. m.

A. E. SPENCER, *Moderator.*

THOS. H. LAW, *Stated Clerk.*

## APPENDIX

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### I. Statistical Reports of Presbyteries

Bethel Presbytery would respectfully report to Synod that it consists of 26 ministers and 47 churches, and has under its care six candidates for the ministry.

It has received Rev. A. A. McLean, from Mangum Presbytery.

It has received Mr. A. R. Miller, of the First Church, Rock Hill, as a candidate for the ministry.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Dr. Robert Adams and the Bethel Church; between Rev. T. B. Craig and Oakland and Fishing Creek Churches; and between Rev. Alexander Martin and Rock Hill First Church.

It has organized the Oakland Avenue Church.

It has installed Rev. A. A. McLean pastor of the Clover and Bowling Green Churches, and Rev. Alexander Martin pastor of the Oakland Avenue Church.

It has dismissed Dr. Robert Adams to Piedmont Presbytery, and Rev. G. G. Mayes to Congaree Presbytery.

W. A. HAFNER, *Stated Clerk.*

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Charleston Presbytery would respectfully report to the Synod that it consists of 17 ministers and 25 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates for the gospel ministry.

It has received Rev. P. P. Blalock, from the Baptist Church, and Mr. John W. Moore, a member of the New Wappetaw Church, as a candidate for the gospel ministry under its care.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. E. Coker and the Mt. Pleasant Church.

It has organized the Knox Church, Charleston, S. C.

It has lost by death the Rev. William Howell Taylor.

ALEXANDER SPRUNT, *Stated Clerk.*

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Congaree Presbytery respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that, in accordance with the action of Synod, it was duly organized in Woodrow Memorial Church, Columbia, S. C., on May 12, 1914.

The Presbytery consists of 16 ministers and 24 churches, and has under its care five candidates for the ministry.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. O. Reavis, D. D., and the First Church, Columbia, S. C.

It has received from Allegheny Presbytery, United Presbyterian Church, Rev. A. W. Blackwood.

R. B. GRINNAN, *Stated Clerk.*

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Enoree Presbytery reports to the Synod that it consists of 28 ministers and 39 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates for the ministry.

By the action of the last Synod all the ministers in Laurens County and all the churches in that county, except New Harmony, were transferred to South Carolina Presbytery.

It has lost Rev. J. W. Query and Rev. B. P. Reid by death.

It has received Rev. A. H. Griffith by certificate from Kansas City Presbytery, of the United Presbyterian Church, and installed him pastor of Nazareth, Antioch, and Reidville Churches.

It has installed Rev. S. L. Wilson pastor of Woodruff and Center Point Churches; Rev. W. S. Porter, pastor of Fairforest, Pacolet, Lockhart, and Mt. Tabor Churches; and Rev. R. G. Matheson, pastor of Fairview, Fountain Inn, and New Harmony Churches.

It has licensed Candidate Charles R. Bailey to preach the gospel.

The Churches of Trough Shoals, Clinton Second, and Saxon have been dissolved and their names have been dropped from the roll of our Presbytery.

Rev. W. S. Bean, D. D., has been received from South Carolina Presbytery.

EDWARD PAYSON DAVIS, *Stated Clerk.*

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Harmony Presbytery reports to Synod that it consists of 33 churches and 17 ministers, and has under its care five candidates for the ministry.

It has dismissed Rev. F. H. Wardlaw to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

It has received Licentiate John R. Hay from the Presbytery of Bethel, ordained and installed him pastor of Wedgefield and Tirzah Churches.

It has received Rev. J. N. McCord from the Presbytery of Athens.

It has installed Rev. R. C. Morrison pastor of New Hope Church.

W. H. WORKMAN, *Stated Clerk.*

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Pee Dee Presbytery respectfully reports to Synod that it consists of 21 ministers and 36 churches, and has under its care eight candidates for the ministry.

It has received from Macon Presbytery Rev. H. C. Ray.

It has received from Concord Presbytery Rev. J. A. McQueen, and

arranged for his installation as pastor of the Churches of Kentyre, Pee Dee, and Beulah.

It has received from Concord Presbytery Rev. John McSween, Jr., and arranged for his installation as pastor of the Churches of Dillon and Little Rock.

It has added to its roll by action of Synod Rev. A. Walker White and Rev. J. R. Millard, and the Churches of Jefferson, McBee, Rocky Creek, Ruby, Chesterfield, and White Oak.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. S. R. Hope and the Church of Fork.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. A. G. Buckner, D. D., and the Churches of Dillon, Kentyre, and Pee Dee.

It has dismissed Rev. Thornton Whaling, D. D., L.L. D., to the Presbytery of North Alabama.

It has received under its care as a candidate for the ministry D. G. Carmichael.

A. H. MCARN, *Stated Clerk.*

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Piedmont Presbytery respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of fifteen (15) ministers and thirty-eight (38) churches, and has under its care three (3) candidates for the ministry.

It has received Rev. W. T. Hollingsworth from East Alabama Presbytery, and installed him pastor of Townville, Roberts, and Fair Play Churches.

It has received Rev. Robert Adams, D. D., from Bethel Presbytery, and installed him pastor of Pendleton and Mt. Zion Churches.

W. H. MILLS, *Stated Clerk.*

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South Carolina Presbytery respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 23 ministers and 43 churches, and has two candidates under its care.

That it received by order of Synod nine ministers and 17 churches located in Laurens County.

That it received Rev. Jas. L. Martin, D. D., from the Augusta Presbytery, and Rev. J. F. Pharr from Athens Presbytery.

That it dismissed Rev. W. S. Bean, D. D., to Enoree Presbytery.

That it received one candidate under its care.

H. WADDELL PRATT, *Stated Clerk.*

## II. Treasurer's Report

*Thos. H. Law, Treasurer, in Account with the Synod of South Carolina.*

### I. CONTINGENT FUND.

	DR.	CR.
To balance in hand at last report.....	\$ 87.95	
To assessment Bethel Presbytery .....	75.00	
To assessment Charleston Presbytery .....	45.00	
To assessment Enoree Presbytery .....	60.00	
To assessment Harmony Presbytery .....	35.00	
To assessment Pee Dee Presbytery .....	25.00	
To assessment Piedmont Presbytery .....	30.00	
To assessment South Carolina Presbytery .....	30.00	
By printing and distributing Minutes .....		\$154.92
By paid Dr. Bean, Historian of Synod .....		100.00
By salary of Stated Clerk and Treasurer .....		100.00
By balance in hand at close of year .....		33.03
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	\$387.95	\$387.95

### II. TOWNSEND FUND.

To balance in hand at last report.....	\$ 70.15
To interest on investment.....	144.10
By paid Prof. Spencer, students Clinton College.....	70.00
By paid Dr. Whaling, students Columbia Seminary..	140.00
By balance in hand close of year.....	4.25
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	\$214.25
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	\$214.25

Respectfully submitted,

*THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.*

## III. Report on Local Home Missions

In submitting this, our annual report, your Executive Committee would record our gratitude to the Great Head of the Church whom we serve and our thanks to you, brethren of the Synod, with whom it has been such a pleasure to serve.

### MEETINGS.

Your Committee has held three meetings during the year. Soon after the adjournment of the last Synod we met. The field, as rearranged by your action, was carefully gone over and all work affected by the changes provided for. A policy for the government of the Evangelist elected by you was adopted, which policy we submit herewith on a separate sheet. Plans were also adopted for the raising and government of the Church and Manse Fund. These we also submit to you. The second meeting was after the changes had gone

into effect, at which time the percentage to be asked of the several Presbyteries and appropriations were rearranged to suit the changed conditions. The third meeting was on the eve of this meeting of Synod, at which time this report was adopted. The records of these meetings are open for your inspection.

#### INFORMATION.

As information is essential to intelligent co-operation and wise action, your committee has been diligent in both seeking and imparting knowledge of the facts. We must confess to a handicap, however, in this matter. We are without an adequate medium of communication. There is no paper open to us which goes into all the homes of our people. Your Chairman and the Superintendent have been trying in a measure to make up for this lack by using a page of the *Christian Messenger*. We believe that if you will adopt this is as the organ of the Synod and help us to fill its pages with the facts of our Church's life, great good would result. We have followed our custom of sending out a circular letter to all our pastors, asking for information and suggestions. From fifty-nine of you we have heard. From these replies, from the reports of the Presbyterial Committees, and from our Superintendent we have gathered the material of this report. It is not a complete statement of the facts, but does present a faint idea of what is being attempted.

#### EVANGELISM.

The Synod has in its employ but one special evangelist—the Rev. J. Andrew Smith. During the time of his engagement, he has conducted seventeen meetings, all but one of which have been in organized churches. By special arrangement, one of these was in another Synod. He has preached 335 times, and with few exceptions the people have expressed their appreciation of his labors by freely and liberally giving to his support. His preaching has been greatly blessed in deepening the spiritual life of God's children. Many family altars were renewed and new ones established. Many of the unsaved were reached and came out on the Lord's side, uniting not only with the Presbyterian, but not a few with other churches.

Thirty-six of our pastors reported that they had held meetings in other than their own charges and at mission points. One reported of having held four meetings in organized churches and two at mission points, and as one result thirty-four additions to the Church upon profession. The total added on profession as a result of these special efforts is reported as 379. Three pastors reported having held open air services, and in each instance with most gratifying results. These figures take no account of what pastors have done within their own charges.

Most of the Presbyteries have had the subject of Evangelism

under consideration at their meetings. Measures looking to more aggressive evangelism were discussed and a greater interest awakened. Pee Dee conducted a campaign during the year that engaged every minister and included every church and mission within its bounds. Bethel followed its established custom of providing a meeting in every mission church and wherever its aid was requested.

#### SUSTENTATION.

Fifty-five churches, grouped into twenty-three pastorates, were aided the past year to the amount of \$4,478.50. This list would have been much longer and the amount greater had we been able to obtain pastors for several large groups. These we have supplied as best we could with Seminary students and those among us without charges. The men can be had if we but had the funds with which to offer a living salary.

The needs of all these sustentation churches are carefully investigated, and they are ever urged as fast as possible to self-support.

#### MISSIONS.

Fifty-three missions were reported. Of these thirty-six are preaching points and seventeen Sabbath Schools. We are satisfied that these are not all of either class, but are the ones we have gotten in touch with. Through these missions a large number of our people are being reached who would, and in many instances many who could, never come to the established churches. Many of these give promise of soon becoming churches. At some of them we have already from fifteen to twenty members.

#### CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

But one new church was organized during the year—Knox Church, in the City of Charleston. This grew out of a mission established some years ago by the churches of that city. Its support is largely borne yet by the churches of Charleston. It has a good membership, a convenient building, and a comfortable manse. A commission has been appointed to organize a church in Bethel, but has not yet reported.

#### CHURCH AND MANSE FUND.

The idea of raising a Church and Manse Fund has struck a popular chord, if we are to judge from the applications for aid from it. Several have been filed, and they are urgent. Wherever the matter has been presented to our people they have shown a willingness to subscribe. The Superintendent has been able to present the opportunity to eight congregations, and, with no high pressure methods, there is subscribed between eleven and twelve hundred dollars. The money can be had if it is gone after. We see no reason why eight or ten thousand dollars could not be raised in the Synod for this purpose.

## VACANT CHURCHES.

There are really few churches of our number which are or have been without the regular ministrations of the gospel. The plan adopted by you at your last meeting of having your Superintendent supply all pulpits as they become vacant from Sabbath to Sabbath with the men among us without pastoral charge has worked well wherever tried. Some of the churches found pastors without having any one to visit them on trial. He has been able to arrange for them to hear whomsoever they wanted to hear without either party being committed to anything. If the churches would but given ten to fifteen dollars per Sabbath to meet expenses, none need go without the preached Word.

## FINANCIAL.

The financial support given the general fund for the year ending April 1st, 1914, was larger by \$735.93 than that of the year before. Every Presbytery shows a gain, except Piedmont. The increase by Presbyteries: Bethel, \$22.32; Charleston, \$300.22; Enoree, \$25.43; Harmony, \$100.76; Pee Dee, \$214.16; South Carolina, \$135.77; and Piedmont, a falling off of \$60.73.

Per member, Charleston leads with 77 cents; Pee Dee, 48 cents; South Carolina, 46 cents; Piedmont, 42 cents; Harmony, 33 cents; Bethel, 32 cents; and Enoree, 19 cents.

In addition to the regular or general fund, your Committee is keeping two other funds, known (1) as "The Evangelistic Fund." This is made up of all monies received from the collections taken at the close of the evangelistic meetings. Out of this we hope to defray the expenses of these meetings. (2) "The Church and Manse Fund"—all monies contributed for the building of churches and manses. To the credit of the first \$1,357.17 has been received, and to the last there has been given \$190.73.

While the contributions for the year ending last April were gratifying, yet we would remind you that the central treasury has been running short since that time. The shortage at the present time, as seen from the Treasurer's report, is \$912.30. Once again we would plead through you with those who hold or expect to contribute funds to this cause to send on the same at once. The need is urgent, and he who gives now gives doubly.

## INCOME OF COMMITTEE.

Hereafter Bethel has agreed to give seventy per cent. of all receipts to your Committee; South Carolina, one-half; Enoree, Harmony, Pee Dee, Piedmont, and Congaree, two-fifths; and Charleston, one-fifth.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

The present appropriations are as follows: To Charleston Presbytery, \$1,200; to Harmony, \$600.00; to Pee Dee, \$800.00; to maintain

a pastor at Clemson, \$400.00; to the salary of the Evangelist, if so much be needed, \$800.00 beyond what is received from collections as described above; and to the Superintendent's salary, \$1,800.00.

We submit herewith the Superintendent's report, the report of pastor at Clemson College, and the Treasurer's report.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. That a conference on Evangelism be held at 4:00 p. m. of Wednesday of this meeting of Synod, at which Rev. Alexander Sprunt shall preside, and the following program be carried out:

(I) Address by Rev. J. Andrew Smith on "Special or Professional Evangelism; Its Place, Need, and How to Make Most Effective in the Life of the Church." Fifteen minutes.

(II) Address by Rev. J. C. Bailey on "Pastoral Evangelism; or the Pastor Doing the Work of the Evangelist." Fifteen minutes.

(III) Address by Rev. Geo. G. Mayes on the "Montreat Conference," with special emphasis on "Personal Evangelism or Personal Work." Fifteen minutes.

(IV) Topics for general discussion: "The Neighborhood Canvass," "The Place of Prayer in Evangelism," "The Encouragement and Direction of Personal Workers." General remarks.

II. That at the general conference on Home Missions Thursday night Rev. J. B. Green be heard for thirty minutes on the general subject, Elder D. S. Matheson for fifteen minutes on "Missions in the Destitute Regions," and the Superintendent for fifteen minutes on some of our most pressing needs.

III. That the same amount—\$15,000.00—be asked for, and that our pastors be urged to call to the attention of our people what a failure to contribute to this cause will mean to all the causes of our Church.

IV. That the same officers and agents be elected for another year: Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Chairman and Treasurer; Rev. George G. Mayes, Superintendent; and Rev. J. Andrew Smith, Evangelist.

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#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Your Superintendent has tried to live for the cause committed to him. He has given it his constant attention and best thought. He has gone over the Synod repeatedly during the year in search of and to impart information. On every side he has witnessed doors of opportunity opening for our Church, and has more than ever been impressed with the need of greater activity on our part.

In a report of this kind he can but outline his activity. The details cannot be reduced to a brief statement or cold figures.

#### CHURCH COURTS.

It has been his effort to attend the meetings of the Presbyteries. Early in the year he attempted to arrange a schedule for their meetings in order that he and other general agents of the Church might attend them all. This effort met its response by having four meet this fall at the same hour. The brethren prefer to have the light of the moon to the light of our countenances. He succeeded in attending seven meetings, and took part in their conferences on Missions. He has kept in close touch with the Presbyterial Committees and their Chairmen. Their calls upon him have been answered as promptly as circumstances allowed.

#### VISITING THE CHURCHES.

As in former years, he has been out each week, with few exceptions, among the churches, giving attention, first, to those that were without pastors, and, as opportunity was afforded, our larger churches in the effort to stimulate interest. It has been his constant effort to assist vacant pulpits by having them supplied from Sabbath to Sabbath and by assisting them to secure pastors.

#### MISSIONS.

He has been on a visit to many of the missions referred to in the report of the Committee; at one he preached for several days. The lack of funds with which to follow up efforts of this kind is the only reason our Church is not gaining faster upon the destitute regions. Constantly he is being appealed to for help when there is no help to give.

#### PASTORAL CHARGES.

Three new pastoral charges have been formed by the rearrangement of groups. This is in the interest of greater compactness and greater efficiency. It has resulted in the addition of one more pastor to our working force.

#### PASTORS' SALARIES.

As in former years, the matter of better salaries has had much of his attention. Repeatedly he has been asked to visit a charge for the purpose of raising the salary due; this he has declined to do, but upon churches becoming vacant, he has readily lent his assistance to the good people who wish to do better things. During the past year he assisted in having three charges offer a better salary, the increase in each instance being two hundred dollars.

#### CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

He canvassed eight churches for subscriptions to the "Church and Manse Fund." In all but one instance he received a liberal response. This canvass had to be suspended by reason of the pressure of other matters upon his attention during the summer months, and it has not been thought wise to resume anything of the kind at the present time.

The debt on the Georgetown Church has been reduced to about \$2,000.00. There are some funds for this purpose in other hands is why he cannot make a more exact statement.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES.

He has conducted two evangelistic meetings—one in assisting a pastor, the other in a church without a pastor. He has conducted three communion services, ordained two elders and one deacon, received into the Church twenty-two on profession and four by letter, and administered the rite of baptism to twenty-four persons, all of which has been done in churches without pastors.

He held nine congregational meetings and six conferences with church officers. He has preached sixty-nine times, besides delivering many mission addresses. He has traveled some ten thousand miles by rail, at a cost of \$88.20 for railroad fare and hotel bills. Free transportation over eight of the roads explains the possibility of this. He has expended for stationery and postage the sum of \$50.43. Toward the defraying of these items of expense he received from churches and missionary societies visited the sum of \$165.62. There was due him for money advanced last year \$11.97. There is a balance to the credit of this fund in his hands amounting to \$15.02.

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#### REPORT CONCERNING WORK AT CLEMSON COLLEGE.

Herewith I submit my report as to the work at Clemson College:

The places of my preaching remain the same, namely: Fort Hill Church, Clemson College, every Sabbath morning; Keowee Church, two Sabbath afternoons; Old Stone Church, one Sabbath afternoon.

I taught Bible classes in connection with the College Y. M. C. A., and also a mission course of a few weeks' duration.

The Fort Hill Church enjoyed a good growth during the past year as to membership, and in point of liberality is among the foremost in its Presbytery.

The repairs to its church building are now well under way, and we hope to complete them within the estimated costs. Because this church is so distinctly a Synodical rather than a local or Presbyterial work, and because of your actions at former meetings in making it the beneficiary of your Church and Manse Builders' Fund, I should be glad to appear before you for a hearing.

About 160 students of the college are in attendance upon our church services. A small part of these are Lutherans and A. R. P.'s.

Yours respectfully,  
W. H. MILLS.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF LOCAL HOME MISSIONS.

For Year Ending October 13, 1914.

## RECEIPTS.

Bethel Presbytery .....	\$ 672.75
Congaree Presbytery .....	78.42
Enoree Presbytery .....	434.06
Harmony Presbytery .....	414.13
Pee Dee Presbytery .....	412.80
Piedmont Presbytery .....	478.38
South Carolina Presbytery .....	570.80
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	\$3,051.34
Remittances by error refunded.....	82.12
	_____
Total .....	\$3,133.46
Evangelist's collections .....	1,357.17
	_____
Grand total .....	\$4,490.63

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Deficit of last year .....	\$ 227.76
Local Home Missions account .....	3,544.57
Evangelist's salary and expenses .....	1,630.60
	_____
Total .....	\$5,402.93

## SUMMARY.

Total receipts .....	\$4,490.63	
Total disbursements .....		\$5,402.93
Deficit to balance .....	912.30	
	_____	_____
	\$5,402.93	\$5,402.93

## CHURCH AND MANSE ERECTION FUND.

To total receipts .....	\$ 188.40	
To interest on deposit .....	7.33	
By expenses of Rev. G. G. Mayes .....		\$ 5.00
Balance .....		190.73
	_____	_____
	\$ 195.73	\$ 195.73

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. GILLESPIE, Treasurer and Chairman.

#### IV. Report on the Assembly's Home Missions

The magnitude, complex character, and rapid growth of the Assembly's Home Missions are not yet appreciated or comprehended by all of our people, although the past year has witnessed a growing interest in this foundation work for growth and expansion at home and abroad. Home Mission work has to meet the problems growing out of immense area, long distances, paucity of men and means, disintegration of rural churches, shifting of population, lack of adequate equipment, education, immigration, foreign-speaking peoples, two races living in the whole of our Southland, the Highlanders, the increased cost of living, the scaling of applications to avoid debt, etc. To meet the great and pressing need, our Church last year expended through this channel \$168,670.86, and employed 628 missionaries (including the wives of missionaries, numbering about 200), dependent in whole or in part for support.

The area of Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico is larger than that of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas combined by more than 15,000 square miles. The States of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama could be laid down on the great State of Texas, and yet 1,300 square miles would be uncovered. Missouri is larger than Georgia by almost 10,000 square miles. South Carolina and Kentucky combined are but little larger than Oklahoma. The one Presbytery of Western Texas in area is as large as that of the whole Synod of Virginia. To travel from Brownsville to its extreme western point near El Paso would require 36 hours to make the journey in the fastest train.

There are 250 homeless churches, and fully 275 other places where churches could be organized if the Committee could only give the needed assistance. "The Executive Committee of Home Missions is the agency of the Church for throwing around weak organizations the strong arm of support; and if this aid should be withdrawn, at least 500 additional churches would be added to the already large number of those vacant."

"Every dollar spent in evangelistic effort perhaps requires at least ten, often much more, to maintain and make it effective, unless beginnings are to remain fruitless and foundations worse than useless. It were better not to organize than withdraw assistance a moment short of self-support." Men and money are needed to conserve and develop the fields already occupied until they become self-sustaining. The past fruitful work in Oklahoma is now in a state of arrested development. Men and means could not be secured to develop that great and inviting field. The Church has never reaped a richer harvest than here. In a few years a single weak Presbytery grew into a Synod.

"Dr. Thacker was sent to conduct three meetings in Oklahoma as an experiment and there were literally hundreds who responded to this brief evangelistic campaign. In each instance about fifty per cent. was added to the strength of the individual church."

There are at least 3,000,000 dependent mountaineers. We are but on the border of this most inviting work, yet much progress has been made in the development of mission schools as an aid by which to implant in the minds and hearts of promising children the precepts and principles of religion. There are forty-five of these mountain schools and missions; 3,250 pupils last year received instruction. These mission schools are becoming community centers. An orphanage, a hospital, and several growing and crowded colleges are maintained as adjuncts to mountain mission work; \$85,000.00 are needed to equip and maintain the school work alone. Some believe that in the not distant future these mountain churches will be the source of the most valiant and sturdy workers for the Church at home and abroad. Free from the enervating influences of wealth, as well as from city environments, these churches are destined to repay the Church with sons and daughters consecrated to God and sent forth to reap harvests of souls.

Nine million negroes live within the territory covered by our Church. Only here and there are practical and earnest efforts made to evangelize them. We are compelled to confess that it appears the rank and file of our Church have only a very superficial interest in the spiritual welfare of these needy ones at our very doors. Prejudice and indifference abound.

The influx of Mexican refugees into Texas from our war-torn sister republic, while increasing the burdens of the already inadequate force in the Texas-Mexican Presbytery, presents unusual opportunities to reach with the gospel some 400,000 of these aliens.

Fully 250,000 foreign-speaking people return to their several countries each year from America. When won for Christ, they return home to become witnesses of His power to save from sin. Many of these people are in the South, some of whom are being reached by the efforts of the Assembly's Committee.

We would recommend:

(1) That all of our ministers seek opportunities to preach to the negroes, and also that Sabbath Schools be established for them wherever it is possible to do so.

(2) The observance of Home Mission Week in November.

(3) "In view of the wide extent and varied operation of our Home Mission work, we call upon all of our people to give this vitally fundamental cause its proper place in their thinking, praying, and giving, and to recognize this work and the workers engaged in it as deserving of equal honor and of equal importance with any department of the Church's activity."

## V. Report on Foreign Missions

The past year has been one of the best years the Foreign Missionary work of our Church has ever known, both as to income at home and conversions abroad. The total number of additions by baptism reported from all our fields is 3,517, which is 332 more than the number reported last year, and is an average of a little more than 33 to each ordained missionary.

We have, in our seven fields, 107 ordained men, 22 doctors, 19 male teachers and business helpers, 117 wives, and 77 single women serving as teachers, nurses, or evangelists—a total of 338 missionaries, distributed as follows: In Africa, 39; in Brazil, 36; in China, 130; in Cuba, 10; in Japan, 35; in Korea, 77; in Mexico, 11. The above is from the report of our Executive Secretary.

Some of the results of our misionary work in foreign lands may be mentioned in barest outline:

Churches in the foreign field .....	500
Native helpers .....	900
Church members .....	28,000
Adherents .....	83,000
Sunday School pupils .....	30,000
Pupils in day schools .....	12,000
Treatments in hospitals annually .....	100,000
Contributions from foreign field last year.....	\$42,000

For this harvest we have already reaped we would express our humble gratitude to the Giver of all grace. With faith in God's continued blessing, we are pressing forward with the work in the present year.

Our Executive Committee at Nashville is pursuing this year the same conservative policy pursued last year—sending out new missionaries only to supply exceptional needs or to fill vacancies caused by death, and these only when their total expenses of all kinds have been provided for in advance, over and above the regular income.

The General Assembly, in sesion at Kansas City, May, 1914, called for \$678,333 as the minimum need for our Foreign Mission work this year. Our Treasurer's careful estimate of the cost of this year's work without enlargement is \$570,000. Adding the \$36,000 deficit from last year, we see that \$606,000 must be received this fiscal year in order to pay through in full. Toward this amount we have received, from April 1 to September 1, \$122,000, leaving \$484,000 to be raised from September 1 to next April 1. This is \$92,000 more than was received for the regular work last year. So the Assembly very urgently calls upon the Church "for a very large increase in our Foreign Mission contributions this year over last year."

The total gifts to this cause last year were \$561,179, of which \$514,000 was for the regular work. The Synod of South Carolina contributed of this amount \$50,934.

In view of the above facts, your Committee would recommend:

(1) That an offering for Foreign Missions be taken up in all our churches during October, as authorized by the Assembly.

(2) We recommend that the offerings be received on the last Sunday, or the last two Sundays, of October; and that one or preferably two Sunday mornings of the month be devoted to Foreign Mission sermons.

(3) That so far as possible we make the whole month of October a season of missionary prayer and effort; that we lay the obligation of our Foreign Missionary work upon every member of the Church; that we endeavor to enlist the Sunday School, the Young People's and other societies, and all other Church organizations, with a view of making this a great month and also a great year for missions.

Our last Assembly reaffirmed the following deliverance of the historic first Assembly of our Church:

"The General Assembly desires distinctly and deliberately to inscribe on our Church's banner, and in immediate connection with the Headship of our Lord, His last command: '*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature*,' regarding this as the great end of her organization, and obedience to it as the indispensable condition of her Lord's promised presence." (Augusta, Ga., Dec., 1861.)

The Assembly also reaffirmed the missionary platform adopted by the General Assembly at Birmingham in 1907, in which as a Church we covenanted with God and the other Christian denominations to evangelize 25,000,000 of our fellow men, in seven foreign countries, as our rightful share of the non-Christian world, and called for an offering of \$1,000,000 per year as the necessary means of accomplishing this sacred task.

The remarkable progress we have made toward this great goal is an occasion of great gratitude to God, and is a mighty incentive to go forward till we have made Christ known to every man, woman, and child in all our great world field and given each an intelligent opportunity to become a disciple of our Lord. "Above all, we beg you," says our Executive Secretary, "that you enlist your people in prayer that God's Spirit may come upon our whole Church and lead it into loyal partnership with Him in the redemption of the world."

JAS. O. REAVIS, *Chairman.*

## VI. Report on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

Your Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief begs to report:

### I. GENERAL.

The receipts during the last ecclesiastical year for all the departments of this cause were \$102,547.36, as against \$97,147.31 the previous year—an increase of \$5,251.72.

Of the total receipts the Synod of South Carolina contributed by Presbyteries as follows:

Bethel .....	\$2,138.23, as against \$1,943.96 last year.
Charleston .....	1,832.66, as against 2,053.64 last year
Enoree .....	914.77, as against 1,038.46 last year
Harmony .....	759.37, as against 649.29 last year
Pee Dee .....	810.18, as against 1,025.78 last year
Piedmont .....	565.93, as against 456.42 last year
South Carolina .....	863.81, as against 749.53 last year
 Total .....	 \$7,884.95, as against \$7,917.08 last year

To have met the appropriation of the Assembly, the Synod should have increased its contributions of the previous year \$6,745.00; but, instead of an increase, there was a decrease of \$32.13, or an amount contributed which was \$6,777.13 less than was asked by the Assembly from the Synod. This decrease, while small, is nevertheless a matter of regret, and, in view of it and of the serious financial condition of the country this year, we should enjoin ourselves to greater fidelity and urge greater diligence upon all the churches, Sunday Schools, and societies in securing and forwarding funds. At the direction of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief is uniting with the other Executive Committees in vigorously pushing the Every-Member Canvass in all the churches.

The months of December and April are to be used especially in educating the people along the lines of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief and in securing offerings for this work.

Of the \$7,884.95 contributed by our Synod last year, the beneficiaries of the Synod received \$6,447.92. So the Synod gave to the administration of the work and to the general cause outside its own bounds just \$1,437.03.

### II. EDUCATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

At the close of last year the number of candidates for the ministry on the roll was 513, as against 502 the previous year. Dr. Sweets reports recently, however, that now, for the first time in thirteen years, there is a small decrease in the number of candidates. The needs and demands of the field do not lessen, and so, brethren, we must not forget

the Savior's command, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he thrust forth laborers," and must not cease to labor to bring the claims of the gospel ministry to the attention of our young men.

On the recommendation of the Presbyteries, the Executive Committee granted aid to 278 candidates, as against 302 the previous year, and paid them the amount of \$27,324.60, as against \$29,106.40 the year before. The maximum amount of aid given to any candidate was \$100.00.

By the order of the General Assembly, the Committee is now assisting from this fund both men and women who are preparing themselves for any special work on the foreign field. As there is a great demand for trained workers in every department of the foreign work, the aid given to those preparing for foreign service means a large increase in the amount requested from this fund. This aid is extended on the basis of a loan on notes, which is to be repaid and the notes cancelled by actual service in the foreign fields of our Church.

### III. MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

It is a profound gratification that the Assembly's Committee was able to appropriate and pay last year all the amounts requested by the Presbyteries for our aged and enfeebled ministers and for the needy widows and orphans of our deceased ministers and missionaries.

The number of beneficiaries was 62 ministers, 146 widows, and 20 orphans—a total of 228. In these homes are many invalids and 70 fatherless children under 14 years of age.

The 62 ministers have reached an average age of 71 years, and have served Christ and our Church a total of 2,643 years, or an average of 42 years each.

The 146 widows have reached an average age of about 63 years, and their husbands spent in the service of our Church and its Lord a total of 3,650 years, or an average of 25 years each.

The total aid given to the 228 families was \$38,721.67, which was just \$170.00 per family for the entire year, or just 47 cents per day.

During the year 10 ministers and 11 widows were called to their eternal home, and many of those now on the roll are in feeble health and cannot be with us in the flesh much longer. Brethren, what we do for these worthy servants of God let us do quickly. The General Assembly urges our ministers to present faithfully this great cause to their congregations, and to ask for liberal contributions, that many of the enfeebled ministers, who are now trying to carry burdens beyond their strength, may be honorably retired, and that the worthy widows and orphans may be cared for in greater comfort.

### IV. THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

There was added to the Endowment Fund during the year the amount of \$4,915.47. The total amount now invested is \$323,095.23.

The Assembly time and again has requested that this fund be increased to \$500,000.00 as soon as possible. On account of the great urgency of other causes before the Church, the Executive Committee has refrained from pressing this fund. It is now, however, making plans for a far more aggressive campaign, which we trust will meet with a very hearty response.

#### V. THE ASSEMBLY'S HOME AND SCHOOL.

Last year the Executive Committee extended aid to the families and children at the Home and School on the same basis as the year before.

The last General Assembly, however, had before it a request from the Synod of Virginia to transfer the Home and School to that Synod for ownership and control. The Assembly considered the matter very carefully, and, upon conditions which seemed to safeguard entirely all the interests of the Assembly in that cause, the Home and School was transferred to the Synod of Virginia. So that now the Assembly and the Church at large have no further responsibility for the Home and School.

In the future special aid will be given to the families who were at the Home and School, as to other families, in proportion to their needs and irrespective of their place of residence.

#### VI. SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

The pre-Assembly conference of educators of our Church, which was called by the Executive Committee to meet in Atlanta last year, marked a new era in the educational work of our Church. In answer to an overture from that conference, the Atlanta Assembly appointed an Ad-Interim Committee on Schools and Colleges. This Committee asked the educators to meet with them at Montreat in July, 1913, which they did. The educational interests were discussed and a report to the General Assembly formulated. This report was presented to the Kansas City Assembly, which was characterized as the Educational Assembly. The Assembly devoted much time to the cause of Christian Education, and adopted in the main the report of the Ad-Interim Committee, referring a few of its items to a new committee. The new committee met with the educators of the Church at Montreat last July and considered the matters referred to them by the Assembly. They spent several days in conference, and adopted a report to be presented to the next Assembly.

The report made to and the adoption of it by the Kansas City Assembly are of so much importance, that we beg the privilege of reading the report to you. (See report.)

In addition to these conferences, the work of the Ad-Interim Committee, and the action of the General Assembly, a great deal has been accomplished during the year for the cause of Christian Education in

our Church. Too much praise cannot be given to Dr. Sweets, our Executive Secretary, for his deep interest in and untiring and most efficient efforts for our schools and colleges. He has gathered, for the first time in the history of our Church, many important and interesting facts relating to our institutions and has published them in a comprehensive book of 206 pages, titled "Our Presbyterian Educational Institutions." One copy of this publication is being sent free to every church, and the Assembly urged our pastors, Sessions, Presbyteries, and Synods to use every proper means to co-operate with the Executive Committee in giving the book the widest possible circulation. The price of the book is 50 cents, postpaid.

#### VII. THE STUDENT LOAN FUND.

The benefits of this fund are becoming more apparent each year. During the last year loans were made to 18 girls and 37 boys, each of whom was attending one of our Presbyterian colleges. The loan of \$100 a year for a period of four years is made on the note of the borrower, and which is to be paid after graduation. The fund now amounts to \$11,644.80.

#### VIII. THE DAY OF PRAYER.

The General Assembly has set apart Sunday, Feb. 28th, or the preceding Wednesday, as the Day of Prayer for the young people in our educational institutions. We call on our people in their homes, as well as in the church, during the week of February 22-28, to make a constant intercession for the young people and the institutions of our Church.

#### IX. SPECIAL DAY.

The Executive Committee is arranging an inspiring vocational service to be used on the 20th of December, and which is intended to take the place of the Christmas service programs offered by others.

#### X. OUR OWN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

The number of our Synodical schools and colleges remain the same as last year. The reports from them of patronage and work indicate that they are fully meeting the expectations of the Synod. A faithful and conscientious service is being rendered, and every desired and reasonable effort to do the work committed to them is being made by the Boards of Trustees and faculties.

Of the \$200,000.00 subscribed for the Columbia Seminary, the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, and Chicora College, there has been collected \$81,970.58.

We regret to report again that the contributions to the cause of Synodical Schools and Colleges have not been large, or as much as might reasonably be expected. The amount needed and asked is \$7,500.00—\$5,000.00 for the Presbyterian College of South Carolina and \$2,500.00 for Chicora. The amount collected was \$896.91, only a fraction over 10 per cent. of what was asked.

This amount was contributed by churches as follows:

- 24 churches in Bethel.
- 6 churches in Charleston.
- 11 churches in Enoree.
- 12 churches in Harmony.
- 7 churches in Pee Dee.
- 6 churches in Piedmont.
- 2 churches in South Carolina.

We think this cause merits a more liberal contribution. We may be mistaken in our opinion, but we think not. Brethren, may we not ask what you think about it?

#### XI. RECOMMENDATIONS.

We respectfully recommend:

1. That our pastors and churches be requested to observe the Day of Prayer for our young people and institutions.
2. (See report of Select Committee.)
3. That our pastors be requested to preach at least once during the winter or spring on Christian Education.
4. That our pastors be asked to use their influence in whatever proper ways they may to awaken in our people the sense of proprietorship in and responsibility for our own institutions, and to secure their loyal support by patronage.
5. Inasmuch as the General Assembly has emphasized the cause of Schools and Colleges by giving it a place in the schedule of its activities, by the adoption of a definite and aggressive policy for it and by defining, standardizing, and aiding the institutions, be it

*Resolved*, That our Synod hereby expresses its hearty appreciation of the interests and efforts of the Assembly and its willingness to co-operate with the Assembly in its plans for our colleges.

6. Inasmuch as the Assembly has recommended to the Synods that they unify and co-ordinate the work of their Schools and Colleges and make the Synod the educational unit, be it *Resolved*—

(1) That our Synod hereby expresses its desire to have the work of its colleges unified and co-ordinated, with the Synod as the educational unit.

(2) That, to give effect to resolution (1), our Synod hereby sends down to its constituent Presbyteries, owning and controlling the Presbyterian College of South Carolina and Chicora College, the recommendation of the Assembly, and respectfully requests them to consider the advisability of transferring the colleges from the Presbyteries to the Synod, with the mutual understanding between the Synod and the Presbyteries and between the Presbyteries themselves (a) that of the Trustees of the institutions elected by the Synod an equal number shall be selected from the several Presbyteries of the Synod; (b) that hereafter

no Presbytery, or Presbyteries, of the Synod shall establish or assume the ownership and control, or joint ownership and control, of another college than those owned and controlled by the Synod without the consent of the Synod. [(1) and (2) docketed for next Synod.]

7. That our pastors and people be urged to use all diligence in securing funds for the great cause of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief and in bringing the privileges and claims of the gospel ministry to the attention of our boys and young men.

8. That the Synod approve the plan for an Advisory Committee to the Assembly's Executive Committee on Schools and Colleges, and that it now nominate a representative of the Synod to serve on the Advisory Committee.

9. That pastors and Sessions in the communities in which State and other colleges are located be urged to give all the care they properly can to the Presbyterian boys and girls attending those institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. BYRD, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF S. C. BYRD, TREASURER OF SYNOD'S COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

*From April 1, 1913, to March 31, 1914.*

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, April 1, 1913 .....	\$ 3.63
Contributions from churches .....	896.91
	— \$900.54

DISBURSEMENTS.

To the Presbyterian College of S. C. .....	\$510.00
To Chicora College .....	275.00
To Davidson College .....	75.00
To postal cards and printing .....	3.25
To stamps .....	2.00
	— \$865.25
Cash on hand, March 31, 1914 .....	\$ 35.29

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**VII. Report on Publication and Sabbath School Work**

I. PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT.

It is gratifying to note that this department is ever expanding to meet the growing needs of the Church. By careful management, it has been kept on a solid business foundation. During the past year the publishing house and lot in Richmond, Va., were sold for \$158,473, more than three times its cost, and another lot purchased in a more

desirable location for the sum of \$32,500, upon which has been erected a very much larger house, costing \$80,000.

The sales of books and periodicals have continued to increase, amounting this year to \$227,475, upon which a profit of \$11,307 was realized.

Among the publications, this Synod will be interested in the Life Sketch and Selected Sermons of the Rev. R. G. Pearson, D. D., by his wife.

## II. SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

*Editorial Department.*—Our Church seems blessed in the efficient corps of editors now engaged upon our Sabbath School literature, which will compare most favorably with that of any denomination in the country. It is made both attractive and adaptable to every need of a modern school.

*Missionary Efforts.*—Not only is our Committee engaged in providing good literature for the self-supporting schools, but each year records increased efforts to foster weak schools by furnishing free literature and to plant new schools wherever opportunity affords. These new schools frequently result in the organization of churches. It is the desire of the Assembly's Committee to have Sabbath School missionaries in every Synod at least, and in many Presbyteries.

## III. WORK IN OUR OWN SYNOD.

While we realize that we have some efficient Sabbath Schools in our Synod, a study of the Sessional reports would indicate that most of them could not grade very high according to modern standards. That there is great room for improvement no one doubts; yet how this is to be brought about is a problem. Sunday School institutes and conventions have for some years bravely agitated and inspired and propagated the best methods and thoughts. And yet these conventions could only reach the few, and only occasionally has the fire of a convention been rekindled in some remote locality. The employment of a field worker is beset with similar limitations. Should this Synod employ such an one, and let him give one Sabbath to each school, it would take more than four years to get around. It is the conviction of your Committee that, in a compact Synod like this, with almost every church or group supplied with a trained minister and having many members possessing college education and otherwise qualified, we need only to be brought to a sense of the fundamental importance of the Sabbath School with relation to the Church proper. While we would commend every inspirational effort and recommend the holding of Presbyterial institutes throughout our bounds, we would urge each pastor and Session to use every means to bring his Sabbath School up to the highest standard of efficiency.

HUGH R. MURCHISON, *Chairman.*

### VIII. Report on the Bible Cause

The feature of the Bible work which stands out most prominently in its history for the last year is the unprecedented and magnificent distribution of the Scriptures. Eighteen million copies of God's Word put in circulation within one year, the statement which has been going the rounds of the press recently, should not simply fill our minds with wonder, but move our hearts to profound gratitude and rejoicing. The British and Foreign Bible Society, according to its last annual report, sent out nearly nine million copies in over four hundred different dialects and languages; our own American Bible Society over five and a quarter millions; the Scotch National and other European societies several millions more; and all these, together with the issues of the Scriptures by private publishing concerns, make up the splendid total of about eighteen million. And of these it is reported that nearly four and a half million copies were distributed in China, now so wonderfully opening up to the access of the gospel, and where our largest Foreign Mission field is located.

This extensive sowing of "the Seed, which is the Word of God," can hardly fail to bring forth a magnificent harvest of spiritual blessing, since the Lord of the harvest Himself hath said, "As the rain cometh down, and the snow, from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth, it shall not return to me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

But upon this splendid work, in the midst of its most encouraging prosecution, the titanic war in Europe has laid its heavy hand, as upon every other international enterprise, and developed new features which specially demand our attention at the present time.

The first is that the vast armies in the field present an opportunity and claim a service which cannot be neglected. Soldiers in camp, exposed especially to suffering, and danger, and death, imperatively need God's Word, with its guidance, its comfort, and its ability to save; and are usually ready to receive it. And to supply such with the Scriptures is a duty and privilege which the Bible societies have always been prompt to seize. But the immense numbers now arrayed on both sides must tax to the utmost the resources of the societies located in the many countries involved.

The second feature is that the enormous and incalculable expenses of this greatest war in human history, together with the most serious disruption of ordinary business in the countries immediately engaged, must cut down very greatly the financial resources of these societies located in other Christian lands than our own. Thus a most heavy

responsibility and demand fall upon us, to provide as never in the past for this most important and blessed work. Should our contributions to it fall short, the whole enterprise must be sadly crippled. Already a piteous cry is coming to us from Europe for help.

The Committee would, therefore, ask Synod to consider seriously these important facts bearing upon the present interests of Christ's kingdom, and summon our people to support with fresh zeal and liberality the Bible cause. The contributions of our churches in the past, as reported by the Presbyteries, have been little more than nominal in most cases. And, while last year's reports indicate a small increase—from \$1,161 in 1913 to \$1,244 in 1914—yet we are plainly not doing our proper part in sustaining and developing this fundamental work.

In conclusion, we recommend that, according to the earnest injunction of the Assembly, all our churches be urged to make a thorough-going Every-Member-Canvass next March, and to give to the Bible Cause its due place in the beneficence of our people.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

THOS. H. LAW, *Chairman.*

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## IX. Report on Systematic Beneficence

Your Committee would call to the attention of Synod the following recommendations adopted by the last Assembly in the report of its Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence:

1. That the estimates authorized by this Assembly apply to the year 1915-1916 as well as for the year 1914-1915; and that hereafter the amounts authorized shall apply to the following ecclesiastical year.

2. That, unless otherwise ordered by the Presbytery, the Systematic Beneficence Committee of Presbytery shall understand that, so far as the Assembly's causes are concerned, the quota of a Presbytery is to be determined upon a *per capita* basis of the amounts announced by the Assembly. The Assembly urges upon the Synods the necessity of seeing that this plan is carried out by each of their Presbyteries, and to this end secure reports from them annually.

3. We would call special attention to the suggestions of the Permanent Systematic Beneficence Committee, as outlined in the Assembly's Minutes, pages 141-142, in regard to determining the Assembly's percentages, the methods for making a canvass, and the use to be made of the months under the present system.

We would also call upon all the pastors in the Synod to read and ponder these suggestions in the Assembly's Minutes and call the attention of their respective Sessions to the same.

The total number of churches in the Synod adopting the Every-

Member Canvass plan up to April 1, 1914, is 95, with an enrollment of 14,084, distributed among the Presbyteries as follows:

	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Enrollment.</i>
Bethel .....	24	3,700
Charleston .....	14	1,952
Enoree .....	17	3,494
Harmony .....	10	669
Pee Dee .....	12	1,400
Piedmont .....	11	1,531
South Carolina .....	7	1,338

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend:

1. That the Every-Member Canvass be taken in March, and that a diligent effort be made to secure the adoption by every church of the Assembly's financial plan.
2. That the following percentages apply to any amount to be distributed among the Assembly's causes:

Foreign Missions .....	55%
Assembly's Home Missions.....	27%
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief..	14%
Sunday School Work and Publication.....	3%
Bible Cause .....	1%

3. We recommend that the following amounts be named as the minimum to be raised by this Synod this year for each of the Assembly's causes:

(These amounts are merely what are essential to the bare existence of the work as already projected.)

Foreign Missions .....	\$ 60,231.50
Assembly's Home Missions.....	29,568.19
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief..	15,331.66
Sabbath School Work and Publication.....	3,285.35
Bible Cause .....	1,095.12

Total ....., \$109,511.82

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. O. REAVIS, *Chairman.*

## X. Report on Woman's Work

The Woman's Synodical of the Synod of South Carolina, which was organized just a year ago, held its annual meeting at Chester, South Carolina, on October 6-7, 1914. The executive officers of the organization are as follows:

President—Mrs. S. L. Lebby, Charleston, S. C.

Secretary—Mrs. M. B. John, Bennettsville, S. C.

Treasurer—Mrs. C. E. Graham, Greenville, S. C.

The reports at this meeting showed ten new societies organized during the year, making a total of 137 societies, with a membership of 3,241, in the Synod. In general, the report shows encouraging growth along all lines of endeavor.

Your Committee has examined the Constitution of the Synodical, and we recommend its approval.

In answer to the request that some uniform way of reporting contributions and using the Assembly's plan be outlined, we would recommend the following:

1. Recognizing that we owe our first allegiance, both of heart and purse, to the Church, we recommend that Synod urge each society to encourage its members to give the heartiest and most intelligent support to the Church, and to contribute weekly through the envelopes.

2. That whatever contributions the societies raise over and above what the members give to the Church in the weekly collection be given to the various causes according to the Assembly's plan of division and reported as gifts from the society. We would suggest the following basis of division:

Foreign Missions .....	48%
Assembly's Home Missions.....	23%
Local Home Missions.....	9%
Schools and Colleges.....	4%
Sabbath School Extension and Publication.....	3%
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.....	12%
Bible Cause .....	1%

In conclusion, we recommend that Synod give to the Woman's Synodical its hearty endorsement and assure the women of this organization that the Committee on Woman's Work stands ready to counsel with them and to co-operate with them in any way possible to further the cause of the Great Head of the Church.

H. A. KNOX, *Chairman.*

## XI. Report on Columbia Theological Seminary

The Directors of Columbia Theological Seminary would report to the Synod that the continuing favor of the God of Truth has rested upon this institution during the past year.

The number of students is twenty-nine, of whom seven are in the Junior Class, ten in the Middle Class, and three are Seniors, and nine are special students.

Of these Messrs. C. R. Bailey and John R. Hay have received diplomas as Bachelors of Divinity, and the following were given certificates of efficiency:

Messrs. W. L. Latham, W. S. Harden, and W. S. Epperson.

The faculty consists of seven professors and instructors, who have been faithful and zealous in the discharge of their duties.

The Rev. James O. Reavis, D. D., has been elected to the Chair of English Bible, Pastoral Theology, and Sacred Rhetoric.

The library consists of 25,000 volumes, most of them being of rare value.

The Smyth lectures for the year 1914 were delivered by the Rev. R. A. Webb, D. D., on the subject of Christian Hope; and will be in book form.

The endowment amounts to the sum of \$249,000, all of which is safely and profitably invested.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

*For the Year Ending April 30th, 1914.*

1913.	RECEIPTS.	
May 1st—	Cash in bank .....	\$ 2,571.75
	Cash from bonds and stocks .....	11,700.00
	Cash from bonds and mortgages .....	17,700.00
	Cash from students .....	915.48
	Cash from Library Fund .....	37.00
	Cash from Ad. Fund .....	7.00
	Cash from interest .....	15,525.01
	Cash from Building Fund .....	665.75
	Cash from Endowment Fund, 1908 .....	361.90
	Cash from Endowment Fund, 1912 .....	11,367.50
	Total receipts .....	\$60,851.39
	DISBURSEMENTS.	
	Cash loaned on bonds and mortgages .....	\$38,425.00
"	paid for insurance .....	188.00
"	" catalogue library .....	626.00
"	" assistant in library .....	150.00
"	" assistant in library .....	230.00
"	" advertisements .....	270.12
"	" catalogues .....	128.65
"	" lights and fuel .....	200.22
"	" contingent accounts .....	381.55
"	" material property accounts .....	3,462.92
"	" students .....	2,553.99
"	" expenses President of Seminary .....	320.00
"	" salary T. Whaling .....	2,680.00
"	" W. M. McPheeters .....	2,000.00
"	" R. C. Reed .....	2,000.00

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Cash paid for salary H. A. White .....	\$ 2,480.00
"    "    "    J. O. Reavis .....	150.00
"    "    "    P. Wardlaw .....	150.00
"    "    "    T. S. Bryan .....	600.00
"    "    Bond of Treasurer .....	50.00
"    "    Patron .....	200.00
"    "    janitors .....	361.00
"    "    estate R. G. Pearson .....	333.33
"    "    W. H. Townsend .....	100.00
"    "    B. P. Reid .....	100.00
"    "    R. A. Webb .....	600.00
"    "    expenses Board Directors .....	196.40
"    "    "    Dr. French .....	30.00
"    "    "    Dr. McPheeters to Virginia.....	22.00
"    in bank .....	1,860.76
"    spent .....	1.45
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	\$60,851.39

## ASSETS, MAY 1ST, 1914.

Loans secured by stocks and bonds .....	\$ 13,850.00
Bonds .....	10,500.00
Real estate .....	32,500.00
Loans on bonds and mortgages .....	216,512.38

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MCKAY, *President.*

W. H. TOWNSEND, *Secretary.*

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## XII. Report on Theological Education

The Committees appointed by the Synods of Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina to confer on the whole question of Theological Education met at Birmingham, January 13th and 14th.

There were present nine of the twelve members appointed. President Whaling, of Columbia Seminary, and Chancellor Dinwiddie, of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, being present, were invited to sit with the Committee.

Rev. James I. Vance was elected Chairman, and Rev. M. E. Melvin, Secretary.

The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolutions, which were ordered sent to the Stated Clerks of the various Synods interested, to be brought by them to the attention of their respective Synods at the next meeting:

In view of the general needs of the Church, of the work which she is called upon to do, of the growth of her members and increase in her opportunities, and in view of the decreased supply of candidates for the ministry relative to the Church membership in the Synods embraced in this conference, the conference makes the following recommendations touching candidates for the ministry:

1. That, recognizing the work to be the Lord's, and the call to it to be of His Spirit, and recognizing the Lord's own injunction, the Synods call their people to prayer for more laborers.
2. That people, and pastors, and Sessions follow the prayer of faith with practical work, in the use of all possible means, official and personal, to bring the matter of the claims of the ministry to the attention of our most promising young men.
3. That the several Presbyteries be directed by the Synods to give a definite time in each Spring Meeting to a conference on the subject, and to have a roll call (1) as to the action of individual pastors and Sessions in the matter of seeking recruits for the ministry; (2) as to how many candidates for the ministry each church has; (3) as to the number of young men in each church who may be regarded as material from which a supply may be drawn; and (4) as to any other matters of a kindred nature. That the Synods also be asked to see that the several Presbyteries provide for their conference and roll call by standing rule.
4. That steps be taken looking to the placing in the hands of all our suitable young men, by the pastors themselves, of such tracts, leaflets, or treatises upon the subject of the call to the gospel ministry as may be useful to them in considering the question of personal duty, an excellent supply of which may be had from our Committee of Education in Louisville.
5. That every minister be directed to preach at least once a year upon the nature of a call to the ministry, the needs of the Church for an increased number of ministers, and of the duty of individuals and churches thereto.
6. That the General Assembly be overruled to take steps, through its Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, for the visitation of all universities, colleges, and secondary schools, both secular, as far as practicable, and of our own denomination; not for competitive purposes, but for meeting and interviewing and addressing the students on the choice of a vocation in life, with special reference to the Christian ministry; that, in connection with this work, the most eminently suitable men be appointed to go on such visitation, and that their actual traveling expenses be paid by the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

7. That each Synod be asked to see that this visitation is made to such institutions as may be within its bounds, and to report concerning the same.

8. That the Synods urge a vigorous campaign for recruits to the ministry through the instrumentality of the home, the Sessions, the denominational institutions, and the religious press.

9. That our present students for the ministry all be urged by their pastors and the heads of their institutions to present this matter to their fellow students, and to seek earnestly to direct the minds of the latter to the supreme opportunity for service of Christ which this field opens to them.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM.

*Resolved*, That it is the view of this conference that the long-established standard theological disciplines of Old and New Testament Exegesis, in the original languages, Church History, and Systematic Theology should be essentially maintained.

We recommend (1) that the course in the Church History might well terminate in a comprehensive conspectus of the present condition of the kingdom of God as represented in the great historic churches which together constitute the Church of God; and (2) that the curriculum of study in the theological seminary should be enlarged (a) by a thorough course in the Biblical Theology of both the Old and New Testaments in all their separate books; (b) by an equally thorough course in Christian Ethics as unfolded in the inspired Scriptures, including Sociology as one of the necessary parts; and (c) the whole field of Practical Theology, including Missions, Pedagogy, Sunday School Organization, Personal Work, Evangelism, as well as Homiletics and Church Polity, should receive more thorough exposition, in order to prepare our future ministers for the practical work of the pastorate of the present time.

We recommend (3) that our Synods, through their Boards of Directors, to proceed as speedily as possible to introduce these proposed modifications, and the enlargement of the curriculum, into our schools of theology; and that these Boards also study the question whether the enlargement of the curriculum may not make wise the introduction of the elective principle as to some studies, as an increasing number of candidates are taking in the degrees upon courses other than the classical curriculum.

This conference would respectfully overture the General Assembly to appoint an Ad-Interim Committee, whose duty it shall be to work out and present to a subsequent Assembly some scheme by which to articulate and co-ordinate all our educational institutions, theological, collegiate, and preparatory; and likewise a plan for locating new schools

where they are needed, and increasing the efficiency and equipment of existing institutions.

JAMES I. VANCE, *Chairman.*

W. McF. ALEXANDER.

J. B. HUTTON.

GEORGE SUMMEY.

T. P. HAY.

J. S. FOSTER.

D. McD. DOUGLAS.

M. E. MELVIN.

DUNBAR H. OGDEN.

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### XIII. Report of Thornwell Orphanage

The Board of Trustees of the Thornwell Orphanage presents this their annual report to the Synod of South Carolina:

As to our own personal faithfulness, the Board met in regular annual assembly on the 17th of June of this year. We surveyed the institution, both in its work and in its property, received and acted upon the reports of the local board and of the officers of the institution.

The enrollment for the year was 329. Of these, eleven graduated from the high school, and six from the collegiate department. There was no death during the year, though some serious sickness prevailed and an epidemic of mumps called for nearly 200 cases. Good work has been done in the schools and in the Thornwell Memorial Church, 47 members having been added to the latter during the year. The boys maintain a prayer meeting of their own. The church work calls for two sermons and the Sabbath services on every Sabbath, a lecture on every Thursday night, and morning chapel services every day in the year.

The improvements in the institution are as follows. The Lesh Infirmary, for which Mrs. Mary Lesh, of Boston, Mass., gave \$13,000, has been completed and occupied; the Thomas M. Jones Science Hall, the legacy of Mrs. Stacy, of Newnan, Ga., has also been completed and occupied.

A new well was bored to the depth of 120 feet for the improvement of the water supply. Riverside Cottage has also been provided similarly. Machinery for the shop to the amount of \$485 has been installed. The Florida Cottage was completed and occupied and all bills paid. The sewerage plant was also completed at a cost of \$733.

The support of the institution: We report the receipts for the year ending June 1st as \$31,840.73, as against \$31,015.20 for the year preceding. Balance in the treasury June 1st, \$1,457.32.

The Endowment Fund received the legacies of James Barber, South Carolina, \$776; W. C. Robinson, Georgia, \$793; Mrs. M. A.

Hollingsworth, \$1,000; a gift of \$500 from Hon. Jno. Q. Dickinson, West Virgina, and \$600 from the Christiansburg Sunday School, making a total of \$3,670. The total endowment is now \$159,500. The interest of this Endowment Fund meets insurance, repairs, special orders from the Board, and salaries of President and assistant.

The three Synods owning and controlling the institution have authorized the raising of the scholarship endowment of \$100,000, the interest to be used for meeting the salaries of matrons and teachers, and the Board will, as soon as the way opens, proceed to obey these instructions and raise the fund.

The low price of cotton consequent upon the war in Europe and the high price of all provisions seem to require a very special effort on the part of our churches and people to meet the necessities of this season. The family has also been increased by the addition of at least 20 pupils to fill the Fairchild Cottage, formerly the Fairchild Infirmary.

We hope the churches will make a special effort at Thanksgiving, and the Sunday Schools at Christmas time, to fill up the empty treasury. And we suggest that where it is practical the churches, in their corporate capacity, would place the Thornwell Orphanage on their budget.

We gratefully appreciate the zeal of the brethren for this, their pet, institution, and we earnestly pray for your blessing and your affectionate interest.

The institution has prospered during the year. God has been with us and has cared for officers, teachers, and pupils. (We have lost by death Hon. A. T. Smythe, a member of the Board. He served for 21 years.)

The fall annual report has just been printed at the Orphanage Press, and a copy sent to each pastor. Any failing to receive it will be supplied on application.

By order of the Board.

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#### XIV. Memorials

REV. JAMES WALTER QUERY.

On February 11, 1914, our brother, James Walter Query, passed away from the labors and the cares of this world to his rest. He was born June 10, 1844, in Cabarrus County, North Carolina; and in the same year his parents, H. A. and Mary Cannon Query, moved to Mississippi. After seven years his mother died, and his father moved back again to North Carolina and settled in Mecklenburg County, within the congregational bounds of Steele Creek Church.

There the young man grew up, attending school and doing some farm work. When he was seventeen, his father offered to educate him,

but the Civil War breaking out interfered, and young Query volunteered, with many of his schoolmates. He served as a private in Company F, N. C. Cavalry, and went through the war without a wound, except being hurt by a fall from his horse near the close of hostilities.

At the close of the war, his father renewed the offer to educate him, and he entered Erskine College, January, 1867, and graduated in June, 1869. Seven of the class of fourteen were Christians. In September, 1869, Brother Query entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., and graduated in May, 1872. He was always a man of quiet and gentle nature, and was friendly with all his companions.

In April, 1872, he was licensed by Mecklenburg Presbytery at Long Creek Church, Gaston County, N. C. He supplied the churches of Paw Creek, Goshen, and Shelby, in Mecklenburg Presbytery, for one year. At that time he married Miss Lucy Ellen Graham, one of his members. They were blessed with five sons and three daughters, all growing up to maturity. In 1873 Mr. Query was called to the churches of Lancasterville and Douglass, in Bethel Presbytery, South Carolina, and in this pastorate he remained ten years. In January, 1884, he was called to Wellford Church, Enoree Presbytery, where he labored ten years, supplying also Limestone Church (Gaffney) eight years, Salem four years, Cane Creek four years, and North Pacolet nineteen years. In 1894 he gave up all his churches except North Pacolet and accepted Home Mission work in Enoree Presbytery, where he labored under some difficulties for seven and a half years. As his health became feebler, he gave up regular work in April, 1902, but was always ready to preach the gospel as he had strength or opportunity. From August, 1910, he supplied the Wellford Church until September, 1911. While preaching on the third Sabbath of September, 1911, he was stricken with paralysis, and was not able to preach again.

Those who knew him in his home life found him the same gentle and pleasant man when surrounded by an interesting family of fine young people that he had been when in the seminary. He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

W. S. BEAN,  
G. A. BLACKBURN,  
*Committee.*

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REV. BENJAMIN PALMER REID.

The subject of this sketch was born at Reidville, South Carolina, August 7, 1860, and died at the same place, December 4, 1913. He was a son of Rev. Robert Harden Reid and Mary Julia Anderson Reid. His antecedents were intelligent and pious, and he was reared in the atmosphere of religion. Spirituality is not hereditary; but God makes precious promises to those parents who teach and train their children in His ways. Our beloved brother was richly endowed with physical energy, intellectual vigor, and spiritual power, and he devoted his

varied talents and attainments to the service of Christ and His Church. He was an evangelical preacher, successful teacher, excellent presbyter, painstaking committeeman, faithful pastor, careful clerk, good student, kind in his filial and marital relations, public in his spirit, and a consistent Christian. In simple Anglo-Saxon language, he presented the great doctrines, practical duties, and fadeless promises of the gospel. He possessed sanctified common sense to a good degree, and clearly perceived and diligently applied the truths of the Bible. He sincerely believed what he taught, and he faithfully, fearlessly, and affectionately proclaimed it. God honored the work of His servant by giving him many seals to his ministry. He carried the gospel to many destitute places, erected houses of worship, and started a home for orphans. He was liberal, social, and practical, and lived the truths he preached to others. His posthumous influence will remain; and he, being dead, yet speaks. Hebrews 11:4. The Church confided in him and imposed upon him many responsibilities. At different times he was a Commissioner to the General Assemblies at Little Rock and Louisville; Superintendent of the Home Mission work of the Synod; Trustee of Davidson College and a member of the Board of Trustees of Columbia Seminary, and for a time its Secretary, succeeding Dr. W. G. Neville. The Synod at Anderson made him its Moderator, and he exhibited marked executive ability in dispatching its business. He taught school for several years after his graduation from Davidson, and was successful both as an instructor and disciplinarian. After teaching for two years at High Point, N. C., he accepted the position of principal of the classical school at Reidville, where he prepared young men for college and business. His work in the school room qualified him better for his pulpit ministrations in the future. He was one of the best of presbyters. He accepted *ex animo* the principles of Presbyterianism, and was faithful to his ordination vows. As a presbyter, he was vigilant, clear, courteous, and parliamentary; as chairman of various committees in the Presbytery and Synod, his reports were brief, comprehensive, and thorough. He was a laborious pastor. Like the Master, he visited the people and carried the gospel to them.

On leaving the Seminary in Columbia, S. C., in 1885, he was licensed to preach by Enoree Presbytery, and became pastor of Bethesda Church, in York County. He served that church until June 24, 1893, when he accepted calls to Kershaw, Heath Springs, and Beaver Creek, where he labored till June 30, 1895. He then became pastor of Pendleton Church, succeeding Dr. J. B. Adger, and remained until April 1, 1900. During this pastorate he organized a church at Fort Hill (Clemson College), and was largely instrumental in building a house of worship at that point. After the dissolution of these pastoral rela-

tions, he served Mt. Tabor, Mt. Calvary, Woodruff, Old Fields, and Old Antioch churches until 1908, when he accepted calls to Nazareth and Antioch, which he served, with Old Antioch, until paralysis rendered him helpless and speechless. He was faithful as a pastor in dispensing the gospel from house to house and extending the great interests of religion and of Presbyterianism in many ways in various localities. He was Stated Clerk of South Carolina Presbytery, and his clerical work was done with neatness and accuracy. He was a diligent student. He received his academic education at Reidville under excellent teachers, and entered Davidson in the fall of 1875 at the early age of fifteen. He became a member of the Eumenean Society and won the Debaters' Medal. He also won the gold medal in 1877, given as the Wiley prize for the best work in mathematics. He graduated in June, 1879, standing second in his class, and delivered the salutatory address in English at commencement. In 1883 he entered Princeton Seminary, and, after studying two years, repaired to Columbia Seminary in the fall of 1885, where he completed his theological course in the spring of 1886. He not only had a well-trained and well-furnished mind himself, but he also used his influence for the important cause of education in his native village and other places, and for the promotion of denominational institutions. He was a kind son and brother, and tender husband and father. He resigned his pastorate at Pendleton and returned to Reidville to be nearer his dear father in his declining years. He was interested, too, in every movement that would add to the material development of his community.

He gave his heart to Jesus in his boyhood, and united with Nazareth Church, of which his father was the beloved pastor for forty-two years. His future life was but the natural fruitage of that choice, and the life of a true Christian is the best evidence of the divine origin and supernatural power of the Christian religion. A system may be rightly judged by its fruits.

Brother Reid married Miss Leila J. Teasley, of Anderson County, December 12, 1906, and she and three children—Robert Harden, Benjamin Palmer, and Mary Julia—are left to mourn his death in the meridian of his life. Only one sister, Mrs. R. P. Smith, of Asheville, N. C., and one brother, Mr. J. Whitner Reid, of Columbia, S. C., survive him. Let us emulate his virtues, and follow him as he followed Jesus.

"I venerate the man whose heart is warm,  
Whose hands are pure, whose doctrine and whose life,  
Coincident, exhibit lucid proof  
That he is honest in the sacred cause.  
To such I render more than mere respect,  
Whose actions say that they respect themselves."

EDWARD PAYSON DAVIS, *Chairman.*

## REV. JOHN G. RICHARDS.

It is rare indeed that an ecclesiastical court is called to embalm in its archives a memorial sketch of a member whose labors in the gospel cover the extended period of three score and two years.

The Rev. John Gardiner Richards, sprung from the Scotch-Irish strain of blood to which our Western civilization is so greatly indebted, was born near Huntsville, Ala., on March 31st, 1828, being the eldest and last survivor of ten children born to Stephen M. and Jane Gardiner Richards, his father being a member of the Methodist, and his mother of the Presbyterian Church.

Under the influence and training of these pious parents, their eldest son united with the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, near his home, at the age of fourteen. His primary education was obtained in a school long conducted by David R. Arnold in what was known as the Frierson settlement in Tennessee—the region where an emigrant colony from Williamsburg County, South Carolina, had settled.

From this preparatory school he entered Oglethorpe University, from which he was graduated with the Master's degree in the year 1850. It is not known just when he realized a call to the gospel ministry, but from college he went the same year to the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., completing his course of study there in 1853.

While yet a student, he was licensed to preach the gospel by North Alabama Presbytery in 1852. His first regular ministerial work appears to have been in Charleston as *locum tenens* of the Central (now Westminster) Church, in the absence of its pastor, Dr. Dana. At the close of this supply period, he was tendered a co-pastorate with Dr. Dana. This he declined and instead accepted a call to the pastorate of Ebenezer Church, in Bethel Presbytery. This pastorate he began early in the year 1854, and was doubtless ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by Bethel Presbytery in the same year.

On February 1st of the succeeding year he married Miss Sophia E. Smith, of Charleston, S. C. In 1858 he accepted a call to the Liberty Hill Church, Harmony Presbytery, to which, with singular devotion and success, he consecrated the major part of his long ministry. An acceptable pastorate of thirty years is no mean testimony to pulpit ability and pastoral efficiency.

In 1887, at the call of his Presbytery, he terminated this long pastorate to assume the arduous duties of Evangelist. And for about six years he traversed the territory embraced in the then extended Presbytery of Harmony, ministering in its weak and destitute places. In 1893 he became pastor of Blenheim, Reedy Creek, and Dunbar Churches, located in a part of the territory now embraced in the Presbytery of Pee Dee. This was his last pastorate. In 1910 the vet-

eran soldier of Christ, full of years and of honors, felt constrained by the enfeeblements of extreme age to give up active work. For four years of cheerful, patient waiting for his Master's call to come up higher he remained at Blenheim, and here, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hunter, he passed away on June 12th, 1914, after five weeks of illness from typhoid fever. The days of the years of his pilgrimage being four score years and seven.

To him and to her who had been his faithful help-meet from youth to age there were born eleven children, of whom nine lived to maturity and seven survive him. Bereft of the wife of his youth and mother of his children on April 23rd, 1895, he married, on January 5th, 1898, Miss Sarah N. Matheson, of Blenheim, S. C., who, without issue, also predeceased him after some years of congenial companionship and of gentle and faithful ministry.

He was intensely patriotic. He loved his country, and was ever keenly alive to all that affected its welfare. During the Civil War he volunteered as a private, but was commissioned chaplain of the Tenth and later of the consolidated Tenth and Nineteenth S. C. Infantry.

In various capacities he served his Church, and always with ability and fidelity. He moderated the Synod of South Carolina at its meeting held in Laurens some years since. He was a Trustee of your Theological Seminary for twenty-five years—a long term of faithful service which terminated only with his life. His sound judgment, his excellent spirit, his profound piety, his logical mind, and his evangelical zeal made him a most excellent and valued presbyter. Careful preparation, sound reasoning, evangelistic fervor, coupled with earnest utterance, constituted him a very effective preacher. His gentleness of manner, his warm cordiality, his transparent honesty and sincerity, his easily recognized embodiment of the "things that are true and pure and lovely and of good report" attracted to him very many devoted friends, who, having felt the impress of his noble character, will long keep green his memory.

"The good that men do lives after them."

W. J. MCKAY.

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#### REV. WILLIAM HOWELL TAYLOR.

It is much to be regretted that so few of the present members of the Synod of South Carolina had any personal knowledge of this most excellent Christian gentleman and much beloved minister of the gospel of Christ.

Mr. Taylor was a beautiful illustration of culture, courtesy, and Christianity. His circle of friends was very wide, and his acquaintances were numbered by the thousands. For the greater portion of his life,

and almost throughout his entire ministry, his health was poor, and because of his ill health he was compelled to seek the most salubrious climate and the most favorable conditions without. It was in search of health that he came to South Carolina and became a member of Charleston Presbytery.

Mr. Taylor was born in New York City, February 11th, 1834. He was a graduate of Yale University and of Princeton Theological Seminary. His early ministry was in Brooklyn, N. Y. When his health failed he was the pastor of the Noble Street Presbyterian Church, of that city. The church was organized under his ministry, and though of few members at its beginning, when he left it in 1876, the Sunday School numbered 1,200. Coming South, his first ministry was in Aiken, S. C., where he preached for two years. He then went further south and served the church at St. Augustine, Fla.—the church now known as the Flagler Memorial Church. About 1883 he became pastor of our church at Summerville, and was there till the earthquake, in 1886. The earthquake very seriously affected him, and greatly increased his physical infirmities, and soon thereafter he went North and traveled abroad for two years. He again came South and was the pastor of the Walterboro church for three years, when he was forced to give up his active ministry on account of ill health. After this he made his home in Summerville, where he had great pleasure in receiving his friends from far and near.

Mr. Taylor's home and family life were ideal. Affection, confidence and service reigned in heart and home. But as in other homes, the ties which bound this one and its inmates were not beyond the breaking, and in 1904 the wife and mother was called away. Soon after this, on the marriage of his second daughter, Elizabeth, to the Rev. A. D. P. Gilmour, D. D., of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, in Richmond, Va., the home in Summerville was broken up, and the father divided his time between his two daughters, Mrs. Gilmour in Richmond, and Mrs. A. T. Enos, in New York. Five years ago, when he was 75 years of age, Mr. Taylor again went abroad and traveled around the world. The end of his earthly career came to him May 11th, 1914, in the city of Richmond, Va., in which city his wife breathed her last ten years ago. Although he was in his eighty-first year and had been in ill health for many years, he was erect in stature, quick in his movements, and alert to every call. His every appearance and movement were more like those of a man many years his junior. It has been many years since he sat in counsel with his brethren in Presbytery and Synod, but those who knew him hold his memory in great affection and high esteem, while the churches he served cherish his ministry in the tenderest and most grateful recollection.

He was wise in counsel, and highly instructive in his preaching. He held the doctrines of the Cross in a firm grasp, and his theology was of the most evangelical flavor. At times he suffered greatly, but few knew of it, for his manner was ever bright and full of cheer. As we think of his life of trial and suffering, we are reminded of the words of the Apostle Peter in his prayer for his brethren, "The God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

ALEXANDER SPRUNT.

## STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES

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NOTE.—An asterisk (\*) after the name of a Church indicates that it owns a manse; P. is for Pastor; S. S. for Stated Supply; Ev. for Evangelist; Ed. for Editor; D. M. or H. M. for Domestic or Home Missionary; T. for Teacher; Inf. for Infirm. Other abbreviations will be readily recognized.

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1. Pres. of Bethel, W. P. Arrowood, D. D., P.		2. C. Berthe*, Woodlawn*		3. C. Blackshung, Salem, (C.)		4. Pleasant Grove*, Chester, "		5. C. Catholic, Blackstock, "		6. C. Hebron, Oakland		7. C. Fishing Creek, Rodman, Rock Hill,		8. C. Ebenezer*, Hopewell, "		9. C. Lillery Hill*, Liberty Hill,		10. C. Heath Springs, Clinton, Lowryville,		11. C. Craig, P., T. B., P.		12. C. DeVane, P., P.		13. C. M. Douglas, D. D., Pies.		14. C. Brennan, P., P.		15. C. Gilman, D. D., P.		16. C. W. Gregg, P., P.		17. C. W. A. Haffner, P., P.		18. C. S. Hamiter, P., P.		19. C. F. G. Hartman, P., P.		20. C. M. Holladay, D. D., P., S. S.	
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